

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Most Important Questions

College in 1968

- The SUB between classes
- **Who am I & why am I here?**
- People wanted to be deep
- Or just to fit in

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I wasn't after either one. My answers were:

- I'm Kurt Mach and I'm here to:
- Meet people, have a good time & learn a few things
- Which you could do by simply paying attention
- I embraced the deeper questions 10-12 years later

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But those questions are secondary, not primary

The real questions are:

- **Is God?**
- **Is God good?**
- **Is God good to us?**
- **Is God Self-revealing?**

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Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning **God**" (Preceding, Original, W/O beginning)

- Yes, He created
- But before He created, He already was...
Eternal
- He **ALWAYS** has been, **Self-existent, Uncreated**
- There was never a time when God was not
- When God created, He spoke... and it was also

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John 1:1-4, "In the beginning (when the beginning began) **was the Word**, and the Word was with God, **and the Word was God**. He was in the beginning with God. **All things were made through Him**, and

without Him nothing was made that was made. **In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.**"

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Who am I? Who are you? Who are we?

Genesis 1:26-27 & 2:7, "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the livestock, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man **in His own image; in the image of God** He created him; **male and female He created them.**"

"And the **LORD** God formed the man of the dust of the ground, and **breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**; and the man became a living being."

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He did not do that with animals,

- Which are **NOT** made in God's image & likeness

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Had He not breathed His life into us...

- We would be just so much reorganized dust
- **But He did!**

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Every person ever conceived bears God's image & likeness

- From the womb to the tomb
- Crossing every human barrier
(Race, gender, faith, economics, ethnicity...)

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James 3:2-10, (Vs.9-10) With the tongue we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be so.

Galatians 3:28, There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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John 4:1-34, The Samaritan woman at the well
- He crossed every racial, ethnic, gender, religious & economic human barrier

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Acts 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 8:4-8)

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Romans 8:29, For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Can we represent Him when being unlike Him?

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Genesis 12:1-3, Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

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Philippians 2:3-5, In lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself... Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

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Romans 12:2, And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may discern what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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How do we value every person as God's image bearer?

- It won't happen by accident
- How do we renew our minds?

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Things To Pray & Do:

Love your family (John 13:34)

- Human & Spiritual (Matt. 12:50)
- Be like God - **Demonstrate it**

See all other people as God does

- Bearing His image

Value them as He does

- Indifference devalues people

Treat them as He sent you to (John 20:21)

- Your mind & heart precede your deeds

Treat them like you want God to treat you

- (Matthew 5:13, 7:2 & 12)