Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Greg Kline · Genesis 1:26–27

INTRODUCTION

- So God created man in his own image. In the image of God, he created him. Male and female.
- What does God say? And what was his intent in creating man? If you look closely, you'll see that there is a great worth to the soul.
- I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works. My soul knows it very well.

1 Life Is Sacred Because God Has Given It

Psalm 100:3; Leviticus 19:15; Exodus 21:22–25

- To say that all lives matter is not to say that the life of cops or the life of blacks do not. They are not mutually exclusive phrases.
- Everyone's life matters. No one is expendable. No one is to be treated unjustly.
- And that's all lives matter all the time.
- If they are fearfully and wonderfully made, just as I am fearfully and wonderfully made, who is their voice?
- It's time to stop trying to legislate Christianity. It's time to start preaching Christ.
- The soul is what matters. That is why life is so sacred because God gave it to us for such a brief time.

2 Most Importantly, the Soul Is What Matters

Genesis 1:26–27; 1 John 2:1–2; Matthew 10:28

- We have a spirit. We have a soul, and with that soul comes the ability to discern right from wrong, to choose.
- You may lose your life. I may die today. But my soul will not ever leave me.
- He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.
- Christ died for all of us. Because our souls were worth it to God.
- How dare we ever think, say, or do anything that makes any life trivial or not matter?
- We need to fear God. First, second, third, and all the way down. God is who is to be feared.

3 Our Citizenship Is in Heaven

Philippians 3; John 18:33–37

- If the soul is what matters, and we should fear God, because he is in control of the destiny of our soul, and we will give an account to him. That's going to dramatically change our life.
- For this purpose I was born, and for this purpose I have come into the world to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.
- Are we listening to the voice of Jesus? Are we serving Jesus our king? Which kingdom are we in?

- What we like to do is we like to keep one foot in heaven and one foot firmly in this world. That's not what Jesus called to.

4 Of First Importance: Christ and Him Crucified

1 Corinthians 2:1–5; 1 Corinthians 15:3–8

- As citizens of the kingdom of heaven, we need to be focused on eternal destiny.
- For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
- What mattered to Paul? Christ and Christ crucified.
- For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received. That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day.
- Our lives will clearly bear out what is of first importance, and that is Jesus the Christ.
- If Jesus the Christ is who is there, if he is who I serve, if he is my king, I'm focused on serving God.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Or are we trying to stick with one foot in and one foot out and hope that before the day of Jesus comes that we quickly move that line across? Put your feet, put your trust, put your all in Jesus today.**

MY NOTES