

Discipleship

The Goal

The Beginning of the Creation

- A. Genesis 1.1
- B. Genesis 1.3
- C. Genesis 1.6
- D. Genesis 1.9
- E. Genesis 1.11
- F. Genesis 1.14
- G. Genesis 1.20
- H. Genesis 1.24
- I. Genesis 1.26-28

The Fall of the creation

A. Genesis 3.1-24

B. At the fall, some of that image was ruined

C. And God cursed:

1. Our spiritual world: Genesis 3.15

2. Our relational world: Genesis 3.16

3. Our physical world: Genesis 3.17-19

D. And God promised salvation—through judgment. Genesis 3.15

The salvation of the creation

- A. Has never been simply about people going to Heaven, and escaping judgment
- B. It is about people being restored to the state of the original creation
- C. This is God's will from eternity past: Romans 8.18-29
- D. This is God's will for every believer at the end of their lives: I John 3.2
- E. This is God's will for us every day: II Corinthians 3.7-18

What does it mean to be like Christ?

A. It means that it is God's will that we live our lives in human bodies, empowered by God's Holy Spirit—this is our existence

1. The power of our Christianity is the Spirit: II Cor. 3.18
2. The sufferings of our Christianity are part of this Christ likeness. Romans 8.16-18
3. The outlook of our Christianity is part of this Christ likeness. Philippians 2.5-8

B. It means that we are to be like Him in our service

1. John 4.34
2. John 6.38
3. John 13.1-17

C. It means that we are to like Him in our love

1. Ephesians 5.2

D. We are to be like Him in our purity

1. Ephesians 5.2-15

E. We are to be like Him in our endurance

1. I Peter 2.21-25

2. James 5.6-11

F. We are to be like Him in our mission

1. John 17.6-24