

Created in God's Image

Belgic Confession, Article 14

INTRODUCTION: Our current time and place highlights something that has always been an important part of the Christian faith: the good news that human beings are made in God's image.

1. VERY, VERY BRIEF OVERVIEW OF ARTICLE 14: ...

- a. God created men and women _____ and in his own image.
- b. In Adam, we rebelled against our Creator and subjected ourselves _____ to sin, death, and the curse.
- c. Our very nature has been corrupted, so that, apart from Christ, _____ we do is tainted by sin.

2. CREATED IN GOD'S IMAGE: It is good news that we have a _____ given to us by God as creatures made in his image.

- a. We are created to enjoy _____ with God (Genesis 2:8).
- b. We are created to _____ and be creative, caring for God's good creation (Gen 2:15).
- c. We were created male and female, and our being male or female is a _____ given to us by our Creator (Genesis 1:27).
- d. We are created to _____ marriage as a good gift of God, whether married or not (Genesis 2:24).
- e. We are created for _____ with each other and are called to honor those relationships (Genesis 2:18).

3. CREATION AND THE GOSPEL: The resurrection of Christ is God's announcement that he still _____ about his good creation (1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 58).

- a. Creation, Resurrection, and the Gospel: The gospel of Jesus Christ transforms _____ of life.
- b. Creation, Resurrection, and our Mission: The mission of the church is to be light by living with the grain of reality as that which is truly _____.
- c. Creation, Resurrection, and our Hope: God has promised the resurrection of the body and new creation at Christ's _____.