

New City Catechism: Question 4

Question: How and why did God create us?

Answer: God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- I. What implications are derived from all of humanity bearing God's image?
- II. What biblical passages come to mind to support the stated purpose of humanity, being found in God's glory?
- III. How do we relate ideas of purpose to ideas of ethics (ie. The relationship between good/bad and purpose)?
- IV. What does sin do to the imparted image of God in humanity?
- V. Since we are created entirely from and for God how are we to live in light of our creator?

