



## **Bara – He Created**

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Then God said, “Let us make human beings so that they are like us. Let them rule over the fish in the seas and the birds in the sky. Let them rule over the livestock and all the wild animals. And let them rule over all the creatures that move along the ground.”<sup>27</sup> So God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female.

**Genesis 1:26-27 26**

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. **Psalm 139:13-16**

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship

through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.

### **Ephesians 1:4-5**

There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ.

### **1 Corinthians 12:12**

So the body is not made up of just one part. It has many parts. Suppose the foot says, "I am not a hand. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. And suppose the ear says, "I am not an eye. So I don't belong to the body." By saying this, it cannot stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, how could it hear? If the whole body were an ear, how could it smell? God has placed each part in the body just as he wanted it to be. If all the parts were the same, how could there be a body? As it is, there are many parts. But there is only one body. The eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you!" The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you!" In fact, it is just the opposite. The parts of the body that seem to be weaker are the ones we can't do without. The parts that we think are less important we treat with special honor. The private parts aren't shown. But they are treated with special care. The parts that can be shown don't need special care. But God has put together all the parts of the body. And he has given more honor to the parts that didn't have any. In that way, the parts of the body will not take sides. All of them will take care of one another. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it. If one part is honored, every part shares in its joy. You are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of it.

### **1 Corinthians 12:14-27**

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

**2 Corinthians 5:16-17**

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

**Ephesians 2:10**

"The enemy is always trying to confuse us, manipulate us and make us think we are not who we really are"

**Robby Dawkins**

"Our identity is for the sake of making known His identity."

**John Piper**

"In Christ you are perfectly clothed with His holiness. In that sense you are a saint. That is how you are seen in the eyes of God. How many of you who profess Christ see this as your identity? You don't if you are trying to find your acceptance from other people. You don't if you are seeking to earn God's favor. And you don't if your life isn't seen as one that is practically becoming more holy (or more "saintly") over time. Your position is saint. You are not trying to become a saint."

**Randy Smith**