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GOD'S PLAN OF LOVE

GOD'S CREATION

- ▶ CAPTIVATES US WITH BEAUTY
- ▶ SPEAKS OF GOD'S LOVE
- ▶ GIVES GLORY TO GOD Ps 148 Ps 150
- ▶ CREATION SHARES IN GOODNESS OF GOD
Gen 1:26



HUMAN BEING - PINNACLE

- ▶ “AND GOD SAW IT WAS *VERY* GOOD” Gen 1:31
- ▶ IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD
 - CALLED TO SHARE IN GOD’S LIFE
 - FIND WORTH AND DIGNITY IN HIM
Ps 139:13
 - EACH PERSON PROOF OF GOD’S LOVE

COMMUNION

- ▶ LET *US* CREATE MAN AND WOMAN....IN *OUR* IMAGE Gen 1:26
- ▶ HIDDEN REFERENCE TO TRINITY
- ▶ CREATED AS A COUPLE; IMAGE LIFE OF TRINITY
- ▶ HUMAN BEINGS ARE FUNDAMENTALLY RELATIONAL ; IN COMMUNION

Stewards of Creation

- ▶ God willed creation as a gift to us
Gen1:28-29
- ▶ He entrusted us with this gift
- ▶ We are to be stewards of creation; co-creators with him, sharing in the on-going work of his creative love Ps 8:4-7
- ▶ We are totally dependent on creator for everything
- ▶ We are co-workers and collaborators

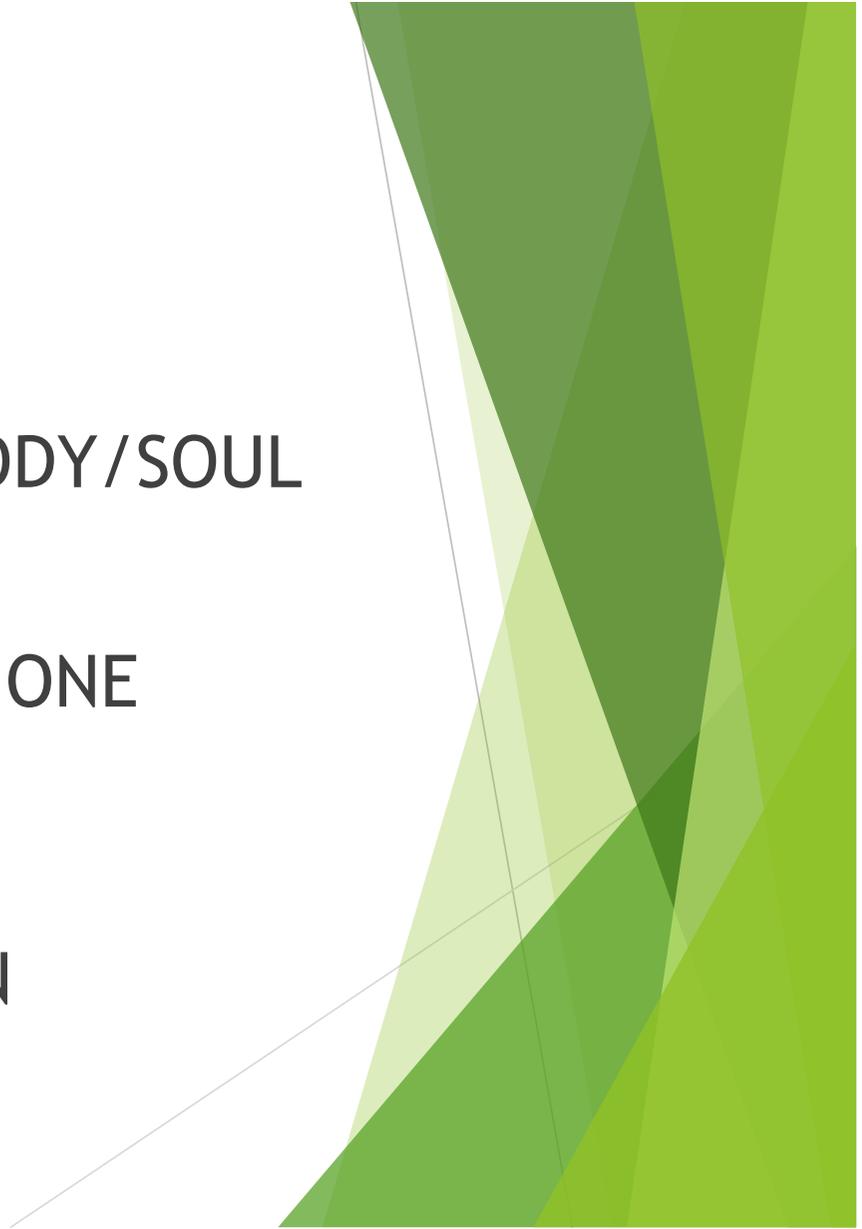


HOW GOD WANTED IT TO BE

INTIMACY WITH GOD Gen 3:8

HARMONY:

- ▶ SELF-MASTERY-INNER HARMONY BODY/SOUL
- ▶ OPENNESS AND COMMUNION WITH ONE ANOTHER Gen 2:25
- ▶ GOOD STEWARDS OF ALL CREATION



EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S LOVE

- ▶ Revelation of God's love - anchors personal identity
- ▶ Self-worth, security, significance found in him
- ▶ Most people deficient in knowing this love - identity confusion
- ▶ Capacity to know his love affected by relationship with earthly parents

