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## Foundational Truth #7

*What does it mean  
to be human?*

*Genesis 1-2*

## Genesis 1:26-27 (ESV)

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Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

## Genesis 2:5-7 (ESV)

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground - then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

## Genesis 2:15-17 (ESV)

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The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

## Genesis 2:18-19 (ESV)

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Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

## Genesis 2:20-21 (ESV)

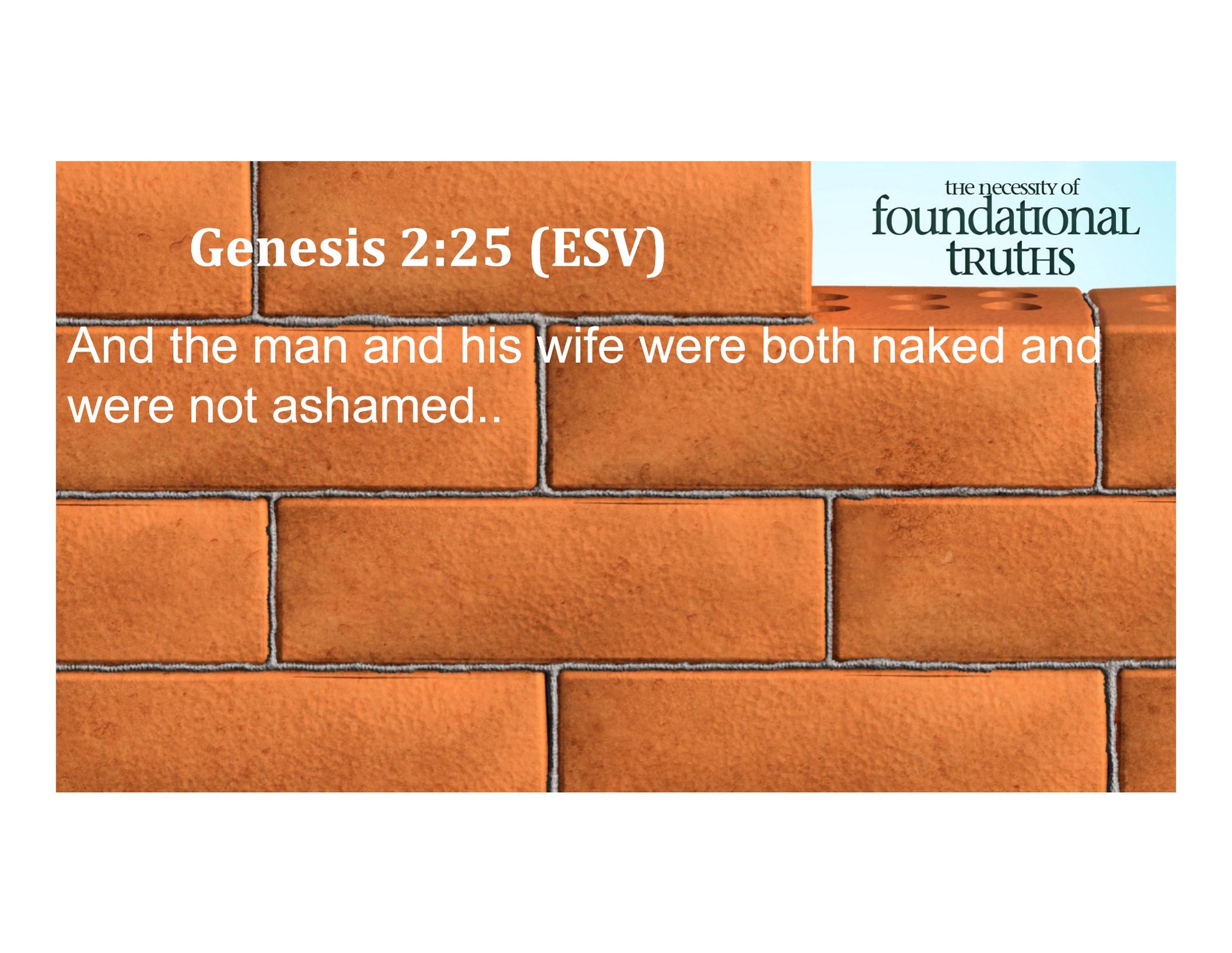
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The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.

## Genesis 2:22-24 (ESV)

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And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.



## Genesis 2:25 (ESV)

And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed..

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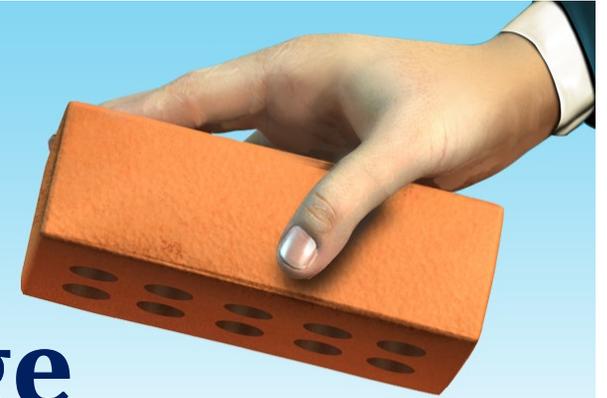
## A. Created in God's Image

**Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7**

The Hebrew words mean to “shape, form” or “fashion.”

This “image” was used for things “cut out,” and refers to “likeness,” or “resemblance.”

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## A. Created in God's Image

Some characteristics God has, we have:

Thinking

Ability to Communicate

Structure

Relational

Wisdom

Emotions

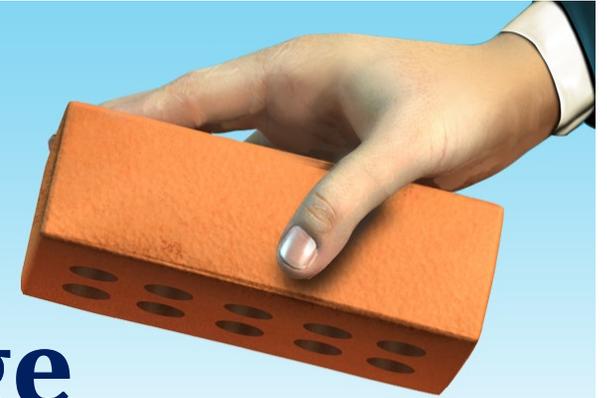
Imagination/Creativity

Love

Holiness

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## A. Created in God's Image

- Genesis 5:1-3
- Colossians 3:9-10

Image here is "*eikon*," where we get the word...

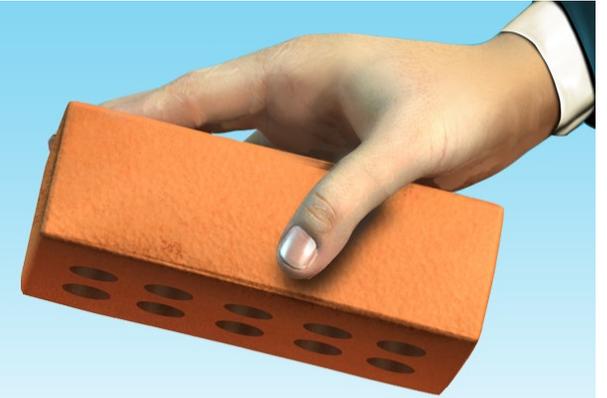
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## **B. Created Male and Female**

- There are only 2 genders or sexes: male and female.
- There cannot be reproduction without a male and a female.

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## C. Created to Live

- Genesis 1:28-31, 2:8-9
- Christians should enjoy life the most!



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## D. Created to have Dominion

- Genesis 1:26-28, 2:19-20
- This means to, “rule, dominate,” or “dominion.”

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## D. Created to have Dominion

There is a teaching called ***Dominion Theology***.  
Covert view – Christians work to achieve dominion.  
Overt view – *Kingdom Now Theology* – we are in a spiritual battle to take back the authority Adam lost in the 7 spheres or mountains, accompanied by the miraculous...

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## D. Created to have Dominion

**Genesis 1:28** - And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

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- Ruling creation, and specifically dominion over the **animals** and **earth** itself.
- We use what God has placed on earth to better the lives of **humanity**.

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## E. Created to Work

- Genesis 2:5, 8, 15
- God made us to work!
- *2 Thessalonians 3:10* – If you don't work, you don't eat.
- Helping or hurting?

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## F. Created to Lovingly Obey

Genesis 2:16-17  
God gave Adam 1 rule!!

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## G. Created for Relationships

- Genesis 2:18-25
- Made to have a relationship with God and each other.