

Compelled to Multiply

- *Image*
- *Blessed*
- *Unity*

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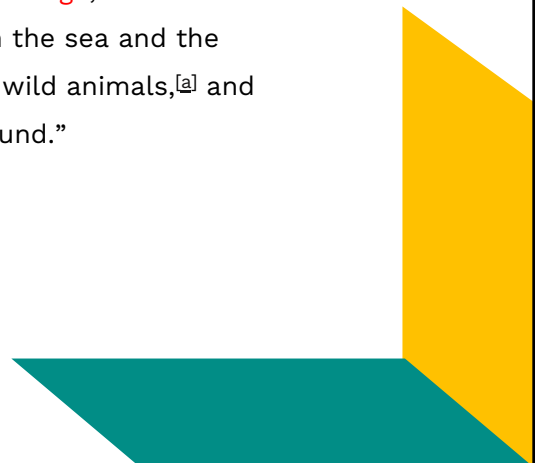
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IMAGE (Gen. 1:26-27)

26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our **image**, in our **likeness**, so that **they may rule** over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,^[a] and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created mankind in his own **image**,
 in the **image of God**, he created **them**;
male and female, he created them.

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Image: 4X

- So that **they may rule** (leadership), male and female
- A representation, one that closely or exactly resembles, a typical example of embodiment, a vivid description

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So that they may rule (leadership)

UNITY – “in **our** image”

ETERNITY – we share God’s eternal spirit/breath

RESPONSIBILITY – created the heavens and the earth, “*the highest heavens belong to the LORD, but the earth he has given to mankind*” (Ps 115:16)

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AUTHORITY – “so that they may rule”

RESPONSIBILITY – “to work it and take care of it”

(Gen. 2:5,15)

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GENEROSITY – He gave the earth, His Son, the Holy Spirit

ACCOUNTABILITY – “Whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name” (Gen. 2:19)

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BLESSED (Gen. 1:28)

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “**(1) Be fruitful and increase** in number; **(2) fill the earth** and **(3) subdue it**. Rule over the fish in the **sea** and the birds in the **sky** and over every living creature that moves on the **ground.**”

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“Be Fruitful and increase” – Reproduction, multiplication, “more fruit”, “much fruit,” “fruit that will last”

- God sustains His creation through multiplication

“Fill the earth” – sustainability, scope, impact

“Subdue” – lead

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United

- Creating – “Let us create”
- Managing – “Let us go down and confuse their language”
- Sending – “Who will go for us?”
- OT first page – God creating in unity
- NT first page, God using all generations, The Son of David, the Son of Abraham, 42 generations (Jews and Gentiles)

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United to accelerate the mission

- 5 country collaboration: Indonesia, Bangladesh, Niger, Chad, Ecuador
- ½ billion people
- GACX members and national churches
- Practical collaboration

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Conclusion

- We represent God (image, likeness)
 - We are blessed to be fruitful (sustainability, scope, impact)
 - We are created, called, and prayed for to be united
- ➔ **We are compelled to multiply, compelled to be united**

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