

LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER

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The narrative of Scripture begins with a beautiful rhythm in creation. God, the holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—made everything from nothing. Light. Good. Sky and sea. Good. Land and everything that grows on it. Good. Orderly solar system. Good. Creatures swimming in the water and flying in the air. Good. Creatures living on dry land. Good.

Everything was good. The Hebrew language has a word for the peace and balance that characterized God’s original creation: *shalom*. Harmony. Rhythm. Order. Everything was created in its place by design and with purpose. Seven times God pronounced His creation “good,” with the last description being “very good.” This “very good” came after the following:

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 1:26-27

Look at the Scripture again. Circle every plural pronoun.

Why is it significant that God and people are relational beings?

The first time anything in Scripture is described as not good, even before sin entered the world, was when Adam was alone in the work God had given him. He needed community.

Read Genesis 2:18.

Man and woman were designed as perfect counterparts, created in the glorious image of God and complementing each other in their work together. They enjoyed life together and were unashamed, one flesh, with nothing to hide.

