



The Foundation

Genesis 1:26-27, 31

A. The Trinity as a Relational Foundation

1. God the Father. (The Source)

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
Genesis 1:1 (NIV)*

2. God the Son. (The Savior)

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.” John 1:1-2 (NIV)

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.” Colossians 1:15 (NIV)

3. God the Holy Spirit. (The Supplier)

“All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.” John 14:25-26 (NIV)

4. The Trinity is clearly seen unified in the New Testament.

*“As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is My Son, Whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”
Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)*

B. The Perfect Relational Creation

1. We were created for a perfect relationship with God and His creation.

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make mankind in Our own image, in Our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over all the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.’” Genesis 1:26-27 (NIV)

*“God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.”
Genesis 1:31a (NIV)*

“This verse is a gladdening thought on which to meditate whenever life seems drab or shadowed. For times come when men are inclined to pessimism. They have reasons for personal depression: They may look out on their world and see it involved in tragic shadows. Nevertheless, this verse exalts the truth that the universe as God made it, and the life which God meant to be lived in it, are beautiful.”¹

2. We were created for a perfect relationship with others.

“So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.” Genesis 2:20 (NIV)

“Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. The man said, ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh’ she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”” Genesis 2:22-23 (NIV)

3. We were created for a perfect relationship with ourselves.

“Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.” Genesis 2:25 (NIV)

C. We Are Relational Image Bearers

1. Image bearers of love.

*“Jesus replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”
Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)*

2. Image bearers of service.

*“Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see You hungry and feed You? Or thirsty and give You something to drink? Or a stranger and show You hospitality? Or naked and give You clothing? When did we ever see You sick or in prison and visit You?’
And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these My brothers and sisters, you were doing it to Me!’” Matthew 25:37-40 (NLT)*

3. Image bearers of community.

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.” 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NLT)

*“When we live our lives in isolation, what we have is unavailable and what we lack is unprocurable,”
-Basil (early church father)*

Bottom Line:

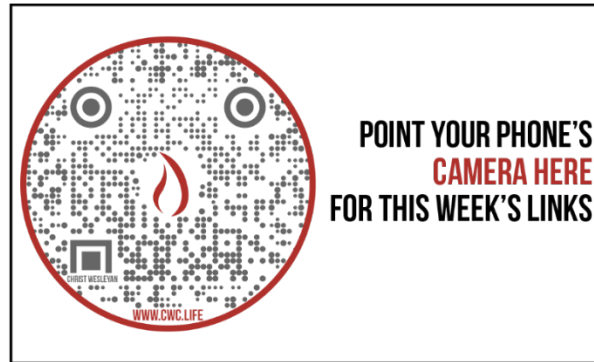
We were designed to relationally function perfectly.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

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¹ Wilbur Glenn Williams, *Genesis: A Commentary for Bible Students* (Indianapolis, IN: Wesleyan Publishing House, 1999), 42.

Next Sunday: “by Design”
Week 2: Framing Relationships
Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Notetakers are History Makers

Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 109.8% of goal

Giving year to date: 88.4% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,874

Salvations to date: 8 | Baptisms to date: 18

Upcoming Happenings:

June 25-28 – Kidz Camp!

July 7 – FREEDOM FEST!

Regular morning services at both campuses.

Outdoor Baptism Service 3p

Kids Inflatables, Tailgating, & Activities at 4.

Fireworks at dusk.

Want to volunteer for Freedom Fest? Go to:

cwclife.churchcenter.com

August 11 – Get Out Sunday!

We will meet outdoors in our local communities!

We will worship and hear the Word together.

We will go out and pray for our schools, teachers, students, and administrations.