

God's Plan Series  
God Made Us to Take Care of the Earth and Each Other  
Genesis 2:7, 15-25

1. Most controversies come back to the Trinity. Creator; Redeemer; Sanctifier analysis.
2. The First Article of the Apostles' Creed establishes the necessary framework for goodness, service, and love (sacrifice).
  - a. Goodness = righteousness.
  - b. Service and complimentary. 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.
  - c. Love = sacrifice.
    - i. Interconnectedness and the intractability of sin.
    - ii. God must recreate.
    - iii. Love =
      1. Ultimate revelation of who God is. Romans 5:7-8; Romans 3:21-26.
      2. The reestablishment of who we are. John 13:34-35; Ephesians 5:2.
3. Community. Genesis 1:27-28. *Brave New World* analysis.
  - a. There is no place to serve without community.
  - b. Community dependent upon family.
  - c. Family dependent upon children.
  - d. Ephesians 5:15-21; Ephesians 5:22:33.
4. The righteousness of God's design (i.e., God's will) only make sense within the context of serving, something of which we are incapable outside Christ.
5. We celebrate the differences we have within God's design inside the Church, but do not expect those differences to be celebrated in the world.