

Who is "Us"?

Bible Study notes by
Brandon Hedrick

GEN 1:26-27 NKJ ²⁶ Then God said, "Let **Us** make man in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Q: "Us" means more than one...so who was with God? And what is Their image and likeness?

A: There was God (Gen 1:1), the Holy Spirit (Gen 1:2), and the Word. (John 1:1, and 1 John 5:7).

GEN 1:1-2 NKJ ¹ In the beginning **God** created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the **Spirit of God** was hovering over the face of the waters.

1 John 5:7 NKJ ⁷ For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the **Father**, the **Word**, and the **Holy Spirit**; and these three are one.

More on this on back!

Q: How am I created in Their image and likeness?

God is a spirit being

- John 4:24 NKJ: ²⁴ **God is Spirit**, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

The Holy Spirit is a spirit being consisting of 7 spirits

- Isaiah 11:2 NKJ: ² The **Spirit of the Lord** shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, The Spirit of **counsel** and **might**, The Spirit of **knowledge** and of the **fear of the Lord**.

I am a spirit being, just like them

- 1 Thess 5:23 NKJ ²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may **your whole spirit**, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Wisdom was with God during Creation, and has been personified::

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31 NKJ excerpts:

⁸ Does not **wisdom** cry out, And **understanding** lift up her voice?

²² "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His way, Before His works of old.

²⁷ When He prepared the heavens, I was there,.....

³⁰ Then I was beside Him as a master craftsman; And I was daily *His* delight, Rejoicing always before Him, ³¹ Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And my delight was with the sons of men.

A: I am like them (created in their image and likeness) because I am a spirit being too (1 Thess 5:23).

Q: So what about the Word? What is the Word?

1 John 5:7 NKJ ⁷ For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the **Father**, the **Word**, and the **Holy Spirit**; and these three are one.

→ Q: Why did it not say Jesus or "the Son"?

A: Because it's referring to the spoken Word of God, not Jesus.

Here's why.....John 1:1, John 1:14, & 2 Cor 5:19:

John 1:1 begins and clearly refers to Genesis 1, where God SPOKE to create everything. "He" refers to the spoken Word of God, as John 1:1 starts out. Replace "Word", "He" and "Him" with "the spoken Word of God" and it mirrors Genesis 1 closely. "He" and "Him" are similar to how Wisdom is personified as "she" in Proverbs.

John 1:1 NKJ ¹ In the beginning was the **Word**, and the **Word was with God**, and the **Word was God**. ² **He** was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through **Him**, and without **Him** nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In **Him** was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 1:1 NKJ ¹ In the beginning was the spoken Word of God, and the spoken Word of God was with God, and the spoken Word of God was God. ² The spoken Word of God was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through the spoken Word of God, and without the spoken Word of God nothing was made that was made. ⁴ In the spoken Word of God was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Therefore, a few verses later in John 1:14, the "Word became flesh" means that the spoken Word of God manifested in Jesus, who was just a man.

John 1:14 NKJ ¹⁴ And the **Word became flesh** and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Also, 2 Cor 5:19 says that God was in Jesus.....not God was Jesus:

2 Corinthians 5:19 NKJ ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.