

Humanity

The crowning glory of God's creation

People: God's Special Creation

Image of God

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness, to rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, and over all the earth itself and every creature that crawls upon it." 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)

Superiority to Animals

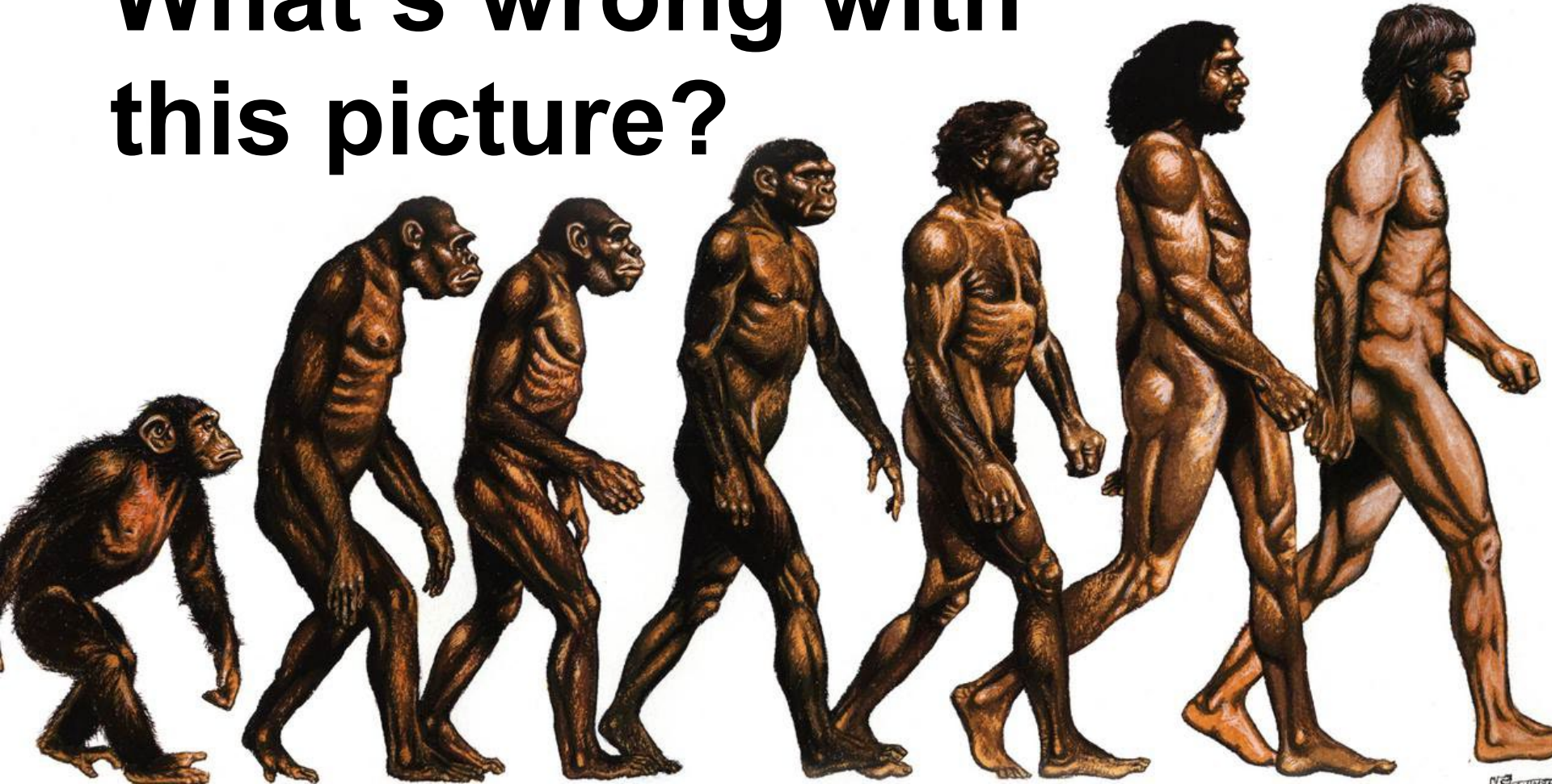
God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that crawls upon the earth." (Genesis 1:28)

*“The LORD God **formed** a man
from the dust of the ground”*

(Genesis 2:7)



What's wrong with this picture?



Male and Female

God's Perspective on Sex and Gender



What's with all the confusion?

Our culture says . . .

- + your **sex** is based on your anatomy, but
- + your **gender** is determined within your own mind, and
- + your **sexuality** refers to your romantic/erotic attraction



God's design is very simple

Jesus said:

- + *“God made them male and female” (Mark 10:6)*
- + This “either/or” is the way God made humans at creation



But sin corrupts & complicates things

Adam and Eve's disobedience ruined God's perfect world.

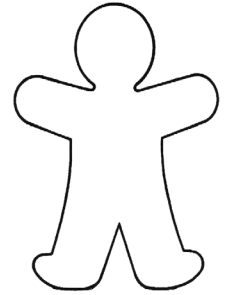
Now life in this fallen world includes such things as . . .

- 1) People born with abnormal or ambiguous anatomy.
- 2) People discontented with their God-given gender.
- 3) People thinking they can do whatever they like to their body.



Whose body is it ?

- * **God owns your body because He made it.**
- * **God owns your body because He bought it.**
- * **God wants you to glorify Him with your body.**



*“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? **You are not your own**, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:18-20)*

God loves your body!

- * God showed that He loves your human body by becoming a human Himself.
- * God loves your human body so much that He will give it back to you in a glorified condition for all eternity.
- * In your glorified body you will still be you - including gender of male or female.

