

IDENTITY

You see an estimated _____ advertisements a day.

They aren't selling products, they're selling a _____.

We are tempted to appear all knowing, all present, and all capable.

In theological terms that's **omniscience**, **omnipresence**, and **omnipotence**, which are characteristics that are only true of _____.

Just like in Genesis 3, we're invited to create the world on our own terms, define good and evil for ourselves, and carve out our own **identities** apart from God

Without God's _____ our identity is up for grabs.

IN THE CREATION NARRATIVE GOD SPEAKS 5 TRUTHS ABOUT MY IDENTITY

1. I AM _____

Genesis 1:26-27

Scholars have discovered that the term "image of God" was used in the ancient world to describe _____.

Example: pharaoh was called Amen Rah (image of Rah)

The king was thought of as divine; everyone else was just a servant

Scripture's declaration that _____ is the Image of God is the first idea of a democratizing humanity.

Not just royalty, or the upper class, or the majority culture, but everyone is a significant child of God

2. I AM _____

Genesis 1:28, 2:15

We are an expression of God's creativity, a reflection of His character – not just to advertise, but to _____ the heart of the Father.

This is the beauty of *imago dei*; incarnation

The _____ I do should be a reflection of God's rule – tending and keeping the garden until it covers the world (Rev. 22).

3. I AM _____

Genesis 2:16-17

C.S. Lewis: The Irresistible and the Indisputable are the two weapons which the very nature of His scheme forbids Him to use. Merely to override a human will... would be for Him useless. He cannot ravish. He can only woo.

Just like Adam and Eve, we have the freedom to _____.

We typically think of freedom as a license to do whatever we want.

But freedom is also the power to say “_____”!

Freedom means I am not a _____ to my impulses, urges, or feelings.

4. I am _____

Genesis 2:18

God is triune – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

To reflect the triune God, we have to be _____.

I was made for friendship, for accountability, and for community.

5. I am _____

Genesis 2:25

Guilt and shame are two different things.

Guilt means you’ve _____.

Shame means you _____.

Shame is an **identity** that comes from a narrative that says you are not who God says you are.

The narrative I believe will shape my identity.

I get to decide which narrative I believe.