

A portrait of Francis Chan, a middle-aged man with a shaved head and a goatee, wearing a light blue polo shirt. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a dimly lit library with tall bookshelves filled with books, illuminated by warm, ambient lighting.

# ESSENTIALS *of* FAITH

WHAT IS  
A CHRISTIAN?

FRANCIS CHAN

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SESSION TWO

# WHAT MAKES HUMANS UNIQUE?



***Questions to  
Consider as  
We Watch  
This  
Morning's  
Video by  
Pastor Chan***

- How does being made in God's image enable us to have a relationship with him?
- Why did God send his Son to suffer on our behalf?

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# Main Idea: Humans Are Made in God's Image

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- Humans are unique because they are made in God's image (Imago Dei)
- Reflect God's design and worth
- Humanity was created for relationship with God

## Key Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:26-28 (ESV)
- Genesis 2:7 (ESV)
- Genesis 1:31 (ESV)



# Identity: Image-Bearers with Worth & Dignity

- Every person has inherent value that cannot be lost
- Humanity was made for intimacy and fellowship with God
- We are fearfully and wonderfully made



## Key Scriptures:

- Genesis 2:15–18 (ESV)
- Psalm 139:13-15 (ESV)

# The Responsibility: Created to Steward & Create

- Humans are called to steward creation
- Creativity and work are part of God's design

## Key Scriptures:

- Genesis 1:28 (ESV)
- Psalm 24:1
- Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)



# Love:

## Made to Receive & Give God's Love

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- We can both receive and share God's love
- God's love is shown in Christ's sacrifice.

### Key Scriptures:

- 1 John 4:7–8 (ESV)
- Romans 5:6-8 (ESV)
- Ephesians 2:4-5 (ESV)





# Relationship: Friendship w/ God through Christ

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- Jesus brings us into friendship with God
- The Spirit pours God's love into our hearts.
- Aspects of God's Friendship with us
  - Created for fellowship with God
  - Friendship through Jesus Christ
  - Love through the Spirit

## Key Scriptures:

- John 14:23
- Romans 5:1–5 (ESV)
- John 15:12–17 (ESV)

