

Rippy's Believe It or Not! Where Did We Come From? Framing a Biblical Worldview - 3

**Psalm 139:13-16
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I. WHERE DID WE COME FROM?

1. GOD _____

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

He did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited. Isaiah 45:18b (NIV)

God is the one who made... all things, and all things are for his glory. He wanted to have many children share his glory. Hebrews 2:10a (NCV)

2. GOD _____ OF US FIRST BUT _____ LAST.

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, and had settled on us as the focus of his love... Ephesians 1:4 (Mes)

God brought us into being through the word of truth, so that we should have first place among all his creatures. James 1:18 TEV

3. GOD _____ EACH OF US.

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—and how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT)

Is there anyone around who can explain God? Anyone smart enough to tell him what to do? Anyone who has done him such a huge favor that God has to ask his advice? Romans 11:34-35 (Msg)

II. WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS?

1. MY LIFE _____

God created people in his own image; God patterned them after himself; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27 (NLT)

(God to Jeremiah) Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. Before you were born, set you apart for my holy purpose. Jeremiah 1:5 (GW)

You God created everything, and it is for your pleasure that they exist and were created!
Revelation 4:11b (NLT)

2. MY IDENTITY _____

God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life... He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ... and he did this for you. 1 Peter 1:18-20 (NLT)

Haven't you yet learned that your body is the home of the Holy Spirit God gave you, and that he lives within you? Your own body does not belong to you. 1 Corinthians 6:19 (LB)

Anyone who is joined to Christ is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17 (TEV)

Treat everyone you meet with dignity. Love your spiritual family. Revere God. Respect the government. 1 Peter 2:17 (MsgB)

3. MY DAYS _____

All the days planned for me were written in your book before I was one day old. Psalm 139:16 (NCV)

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

4. MY PROBLEMS _____

We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. Romans 8:28 (NLT)

5. MY FUTURE _____

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23:6 (NIV)

This is God's purpose: when the time is ripe he will gather us all together from wherever we are--in heaven or on earth--to be with him in Christ forever. Ephesians 1:10 (LB)

All creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. Romans 8:19 (NLT)