

What does it mean
to be human?

Genesis 1:26-30;
2:7

1. The dignity of humans – Gen.1:26-30

Human beings were created for:-

a. Relationship

- to know & enjoy God
- to be God's creation partner – 1:28,ch.2

b. Ruling

- stewards of God's world
- equipped by God

c. Revealing God's glory – the “image of God”

2. The humbleness of humans – Gen.2:7

a. Physical/material creatures – made from the “dust of the ground” cf.2:19

b. Spiritual beings – given the “kiss of life”
cf.Ez.37

Gen.1 – God is called “Elohim”

2 – God is called “Yahweh Elohim”

3. The perfect human – Jesus of Nazareth

In the Gospels we see Jesus - God's goal for humans:-

a. Relationship

b. Ruling

c. Revealing God's glory – Heb.1:3;
Col.1:15;John1:14,18; 14:8,9

Rom.8:29; 2Cor.3:18;1John3:2

d. Humility

4. Realizing our potential

- a. To know God – John 17:3
- b. To rule as God's creation partners
- c. Marvelling at other humans
- d. Living humbly
- e. Reflecting God's glory