

Title: The Perspectives on being created in the “Image of God”:  
A Case Study from the First Church of Chiang Mai.

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## ABSTRACT

The phrase, “Image of God” is scarcely mentioned in the Bible, yet, it has a profound impact on the identity of Christians and the responsibilities involved. This research project describes the interpretive challenges of the phrase “created in Image of God” in Genesis 1:26 and suggests how we might better interpret this phrase for our benefit.

The research project provides a review of other research that have been done on the subject of the “Image of God”, including a brief look at the history of interpretation, a word study using a linguistic hermeneutical method of approach as opposed to the comparative approach, a New Testament interpretation and finally a summary of the main interpretations that are currently dominating this field of study.

Moreover, as this research project is a case study of how members of the First Church of Chiang Mai perceive what it means to be created in the “Image of God” and the implications these perceptions of being created in the “Image” have on the motivation for ministries and missions.

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