

IDENTITY

IMAGE BEARERS: THE MARK OF TRANSFORMATION

Introduction:

As we grow and mature, we tend to act like, look like, and reflect our earthly parents. As Christians the same is true.

As we grow in grace, are sanctified by the Spirit and transformed by the Father, we begin to reflect Him to the world.

Text: Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-27

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Text: Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:1-8

Text: Colossians 1:15-23

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him.

**And he is before all things, and in him
all things hold together.**

**And he is the head of the body, the
church.**

**He is the beginning, the firstborn from
the dead, that in everything he might
be preeminent.**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

**if indeed you continue in the faith,
stable and steadfast, not shifting from
the hope of the gospel that you heard,
which has been proclaimed in all
creation under heaven, and of which I,
Paul, became a minister.**

Colossians 1:15-23

Text: Colossians 3:9-10

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Conclusion:

As Image Bearer's, let us seek for continual growth, looking to the climax of the "Imago Dei", Christ, who is the true image of the invisible God and best representation of what it means to be fully human.

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