

KNOWING GOD AND SERVING GOD
PART 2
(MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE)

- INTRODUCTION: 1. What better way to get to know God and serve Him when we are made in His image?
2. This outstanding blessing from our Creator in no way means that there is the possibility that man will become gods. That is a blasphemous statement concerning God's purpose to fellowship with us.
3. No doubt that there is something most important concerning the resemblance between the character of man and the divine nature of our Creator.
4. When Paul says in (Romans 3:23) "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God," the glorious image is, because of sin, less than it once was.
5. All the excellent characteristics, which according to Scripture, belonged to man from God have been lost because of sin.
6. ALL BECAUSE OF GOD'S GRACE (IN JESUS CHRIST) THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY OF DIVINE RENEWAL.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: (GENESIS 1:26-30)

TRANSITION: The contents of this divine Image can be summarized as follows.

I. SPIRITUALITY

A. The first great characteristic and resemblance between man and our Creator is found in man's spiritual nature. Our life is inbreathed from God, and therefore the connection of man's immortal nature and destiny. The nature of immortality did not disappear, yet the location changed and mankind now must choose to accept Jesus Christ to secure again the original destination.

B. The "eternal spirit" of mankind is forever, everlasting life, or everlasting death.

II. PERSONALITY

A. God is conscious of His own existence. He is the Supreme Intelligence. God is free.

- B. Man is also self-conscious and is endowed from God with an intelligence, rationality, and freedom. Despite sin man can still choose to be obedient to God's gracious gift of Christ and reconciliation.

III. HOLINESS

- A. God is the Holy one. Man was created pure with no inherent tendency to sin. They (Adam and Eve) did not know sin until they chose to be disobedient to the Creator's instruction for having dominion.
- B. Adam and Eve chose to listen to Satan's definition of dominion.
- C. The (image and likeness of the Holy God) was substituted by disobedience which then was defined as sin.

IV. LOVE

- A. "God is Love." This virtue or moral excellence is proclaimed for mankind in Scriptures.
- B. Man originally bore and again can bear the divine likeness of love with the divine Son of God in our lives.

V. DOMINION

- A. God is sovereign. God created mankind to rule his creation with His divine qualities un-hindered by sin.
- B. We see what man does when he rules in sin, not led by God.

CONCLUSION: CHRIST IS THE IMAGE OF GOD. (COLOSSIANS 1:13-15)