**Image and Likeness**

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In the beginning God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness (Genesis 1:26-47). God gave Adam and Eve all the trees in the garden to partake of for food except for the tree of knowledge of good and evil which he commanded them not to eat of the fruit of that tree, or they would surely die; and when Eve was deceived of the devil seeing that the fruit was good for food and pleasant unto the eye took of it and did eat, then gave it unto Adam and he too ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil and their eyes were opened and they were found naked (Genesis 3:1-7); and sin entered into the world and the image of God in mankind was lost to sin. But God knowing the end from the beginning made a way or plan of reconciliation for mankind before the foundation of the world.

John 1:1-5 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (KJV)

John 1:10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. (KJV)

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (KJV)

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, (KJV)

2 Corinthians 4:4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. (KJV)

God sending his own Son, Christ (the Word), in the likeness of sinful flesh, Jesus of Nazareth, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh (Romans 8:3), that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (2Corinthians 5:16-21); that we might have the image of God restored in us which was lost to sin in our own lives as we followed the god of this world in our ignorance before we accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself. It is God who works in us having sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts crying Father, Father, both to will and to do of his good pleasure in restoring his image within us as he did in Jesus of Nazareth.

God made this same Jesus who was crucified both Lord and Christ. Through the obedience, sacrifice, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we are given the Spirit of Christ; an example, a mediator, the way, the truth, and the life in the Spirit to overcome sin in our life, bringing forth restoration of the image of God within us as well.

Brethren, we have this treasure in earthen vessels, it is Christ in us the hope of glory.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (KJV)

He is our only hope of the restoration of the image of God within us. God bless and keep the faith.

Video scripture list in order left to right:

Genesis 1:26-27,

Image = resemblance, representation

Likeness = to resemble, similar

Genesis 3:10, Genesis 3:15, Romans 8:1-3,

Philippians 2:5-7,

Equal = in agreement

1Timothy 3:16, 2Corinthians 5:19, Philippians 2:13,

1John 4:4, Isaiah 9:6, Hebrews 2:9-18, 1John 3:8,

Romans 1:3-4, James 1:13, Hebrews 4:15,

Galatians 4:4-5, John 3:2-8 (v5-6), 2Corinthians 3:14-18,

1Corinthians 2:9-10, 2Corinthians 5:20, 2Peter 1:4,

2Corinthians 4:3-4, Romans 8:9, 1Corinthians 15:48-50,

1Corinthians 2:11, John 1:14, John 1:1-5, Romans 8:28-31,

Romans 8:9, John 3:3, Colossians 1:12-16, Galatians 1:4,

Acts 2:36, 1Timothy 2:5, Colossians 3:1, Colossians 2:8-12