



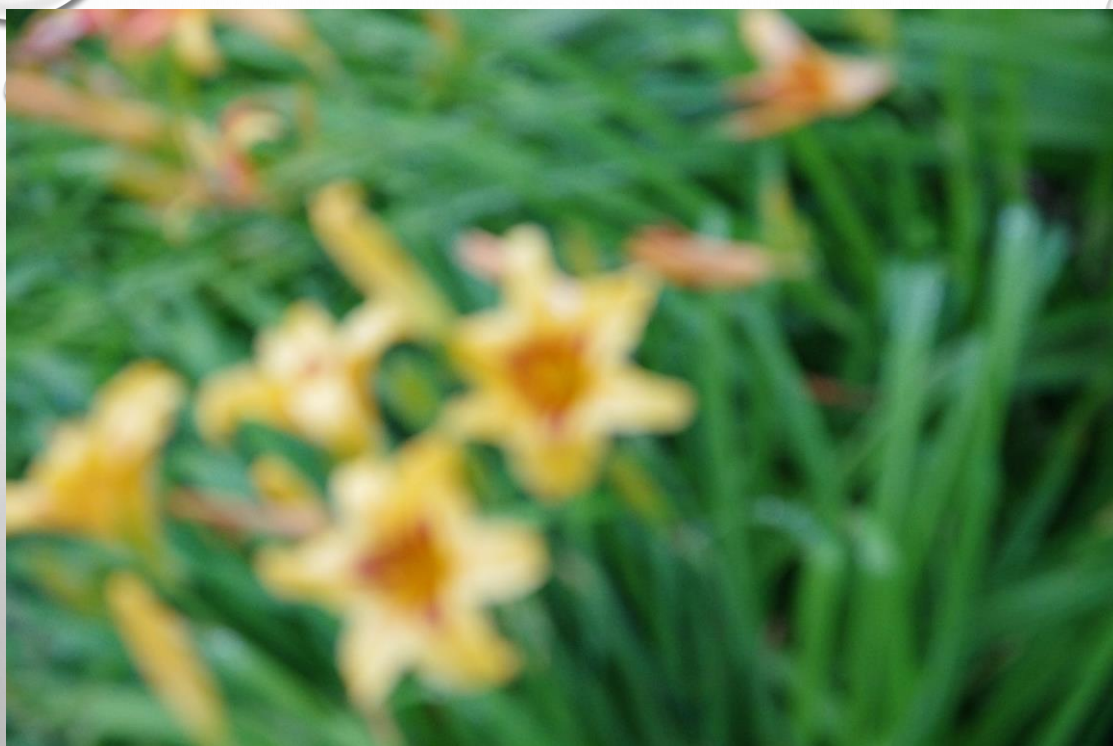
IN HIS IMAGE

THEN AND NOW

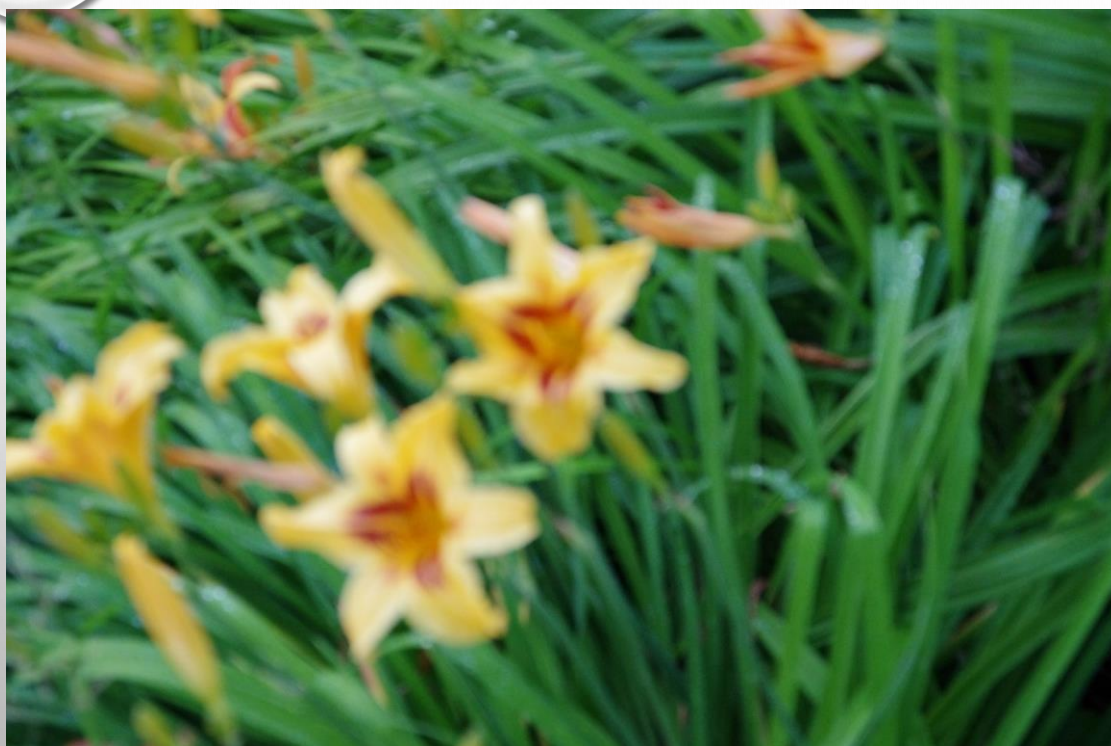
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THE IMAGE OF GOD: THEN AND NOW

- AT CREATION: GOOD BUT INCOMPLETE (A)
- POST FALL: MARRED AND BLURRY (B)
- AFTER RETURN OF CHRIST: COMPLETE AND PERFECT (C)

THE COMPLICATION

- ^{ESV} **1 JOHN 3:2** BELOVED, WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN NOW, AND WHAT WE WILL BE HAS NOT YET APPEARED; BUT WE KNOW THAT WHEN HE APPEARS WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM, BECAUSE WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS.
 - THE BIBLE NEVER REVEALS WHAT THE IMAGE OF GOD FULLY IS

THE IMAGE OF GOD

THE BIG PICTURE

IN THE BEGINNING

- ^{NIV} **GENESIS 1:27** SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.
- ^{NIV} **GENESIS 2:23** THE MAN SAID, "THIS IS NOW BONE OF MY BONES AND FLESH OF MY FLESH; SHE SHALL BE CALLED 'WOMAN', FOR SHE WAS TAKEN OUT OF MAN."
 - ^{NAS} **GALATIANS 3:28** ...THERE IS NEITHER MALE NOR FEMALE; FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.

THE KEY

- ^{NIV} **ROMANS 8:29** FOR THOSE GOD FOREKNEW HE ALSO PREDESTINED TO BE CONFORMED TO THE LIKENESS OF HIS SON.... ³⁰ AND THOSE HE PREDESTINED, HE ALSO CALLED; THOSE HE CALLED, HE ALSO JUSTIFIED; THOSE HE JUSTIFIED, HE ALSO GLORIFIED.
 - THE GOAL OF OUR SALVATION IS PERFECT CHRISTLIKENESS

JESUS IS THE PERFECT IMAGE OF GOD

- ^{ESV} **JOHN 1:1** IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD ... ¹⁴ AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH, AND DWELT AMONG US, AND WE BEHELD HIS GLORY, GLORY AS OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN FROM THE FATHER, FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.
- ^{ESV} **COLOSSIANS 1:15** HE IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, THE FIRSTBORN OF ALL CREATION.
- ^{NIV} **HEBREWS 1:3** THE SON IS THE RADIANCE OF GOD'S GLORY AND THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF HIS BEING ...

PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

- ^{ESV} **2 PETER 1:3** HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED TO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM WHO CALLED US TO HIS OWN GLORY AND EXCELLENCE, ⁴ BY WHICH HE HAS GRANTED TO US HIS PRECIOUS AND VERY GREAT PROMISES, SO THAT THROUGH THEM YOU MAY BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

A STARTING POINT

A - ^{ESV} **GENESIS 1:26** THEN GOD SAID, "LET US MAKE MAN IN OUR IMAGE, AFTER OUR LIKENESS...."

B - ^{ESV} **GENESIS 1:26** ...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."

A - ^{ESV} **GENESIS 1:27** SO GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS OWN IMAGE, IN THE IMAGE OF GOD HE CREATED HIM; MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM.

B - ^{ESV} **GENESIS 1:28** AND GOD BLESSED THEM. AND GOD SAID TO THEM, "BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY AND FILL THE EARTH AND SUBDUE IT AND HAVE DOMINION OVER THE FISH OF THE SEA AND OVER THE BIRDS OF THE HEAVENS AND OVER EVERY LIVING THING THAT MOVES ON THE EARTH."

RULING: PART OF OUR DESTINY

- ^{ESV} **MATTHEW 19:28** JESUS SAID TO THEM, "TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, IN THE NEW WORLD, WHEN THE SON OF MAN WILL SIT ON HIS GLORIOUS THRONE, YOU WHO HAVE FOLLOWED ME WILL ALSO SIT ON TWELVE THRONES, JUDGING THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.
- ^{NIV} **1 CORINTHIANS 6:2** DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THE SAINTS WILL JUDGE THE WORLD? ...
- ^{ESV} **2 TIMOTHY 2:12** IF WE ENDURE, WE WILL ALSO REIGN WITH HIM; ...

- ^{NIV} **REVELATION 2:26** TO HIM WHO OVERCOMES AND DOES MY WILL TO THE END, I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS-- ²⁷ 'HE WILL RULE THEM WITH AN IRON SCEPTER ...
- ^{NIV} **REVELATION 3:21** TO HIM WHO OVERCOMES, I WILL GIVE THE RIGHT TO SIT WITH ME ON MY THRONE, JUST AS I OVERCAME AND SAT DOWN WITH MY FATHER ON HIS THRONE.

RULE OF GOD

- ^{NIV} **HEBREWS 1:8** BUT ABOUT THE SON HE SAYS, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, WILL LAST FOR EVER AND EVER, AND RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL BE THE SCEPTER OF YOUR KINGDOM.
- ^{ESV} **DANIEL 2:20** DANIEL ANSWERED AND SAID: "BLESSED BE THE NAME OF GOD FOREVER AND EVER, TO WHOM BELONG WISDOM AND MIGHT.
- ^{ESV} **ISAIAH 6:3** AND ONE CALLED TO ANOTHER AND SAID: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD OF HOSTS; THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY!"

IMAGE OF GOD IN CHRIST

- ^{ESV} **1 CORINTHIANS 1:30** AND BECAUSE OF HIM YOU ARE IN CHRIST JESUS, WHO BECAME TO US WISDOM FROM GOD, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SANCTIFICATION AND REDEMPTION,
- ^{NIV} **ROMANS 9:23** WHAT IF HE DID THIS TO MAKE THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY KNOWN TO THE OBJECTS OF HIS MERCY, WHOM HE PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR GLORY—
- ^{ESV} **JOHN 17:22** THE GLORY THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME I HAVE GIVEN TO THEM, ...

DEFICITS ERASED

- DEFICIT: ^{NIV} **GENESIS 3:5** "FOR GOD KNOWS THAT WHEN YOU EAT OF IT YOUR EYES WILL BE OPENED, AND YOU WILL BE LIKE GOD, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL."
- FULNESS: ^{NIV} **1 CORINTHIANS 2:16** "FOR WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD THAT HE MAY INSTRUCT HIM?" BUT WE HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST.

DEFICITS ERASED

- DEFICIT: ^{NIV} **GENESIS 3:22** AND THE LORD GOD SAID, "THE MAN HAS NOW BECOME LIKE ONE OF US, KNOWING GOOD AND EVIL. HE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO REACH OUT HIS HAND AND TAKE ALSO FROM THE TREE OF LIFE AND EAT, AND LIVE FOREVER."
- FULNESS: ^{NAS} **JOHN 3:16** "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE."

THE IMAGE OF GOD

THE PROCESS

A WORK OF THE SPIRIT

- ^{NAS} **2 CORINTHIANS 3:18** BUT WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR THE GLORY OF THE LORD, ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM GLORY TO GLORY, JUST AS FROM THE LORD, THE SPIRIT.
- ^{NIV} **1 CORINTHIANS 15:49** AND JUST AS WE HAVE BORNE THE LIKENESS OF THE EARTHLY MAN, SO SHALL WE BEAR THE LIKENESS OF THE MAN FROM HEAVEN.

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CONCLUSIONS

- IN JESUS, GOD BECAME WHAT WE ARE NOT TO MAKE US INTO WHAT HE IS BUT TO MAKE US *LIKE* WHAT HE IS

- ^{NAS} **COLOSSIANS 3:1** IF THEN YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED UP WITH CHRIST, KEEP SEEKING THE THINGS ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS, SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. ² SET YOUR MIND ON THE THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THE THINGS THAT ARE ON EARTH. ³ FOR YOU HAVE DIED AND YOUR LIFE IS HIDDEN WITH CHRIST IN GOD. ⁴ WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS OUR LIFE, IS REVEALED, THEN YOU ALSO WILL BE REVEALED WITH HIM IN GLORY.