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# IN HIS IMAGE

WALK BY THE SPIRIT

## 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)



*"Life is not a spectator sport. If you're going to spend your whole life in the grandstand just watching what goes on, in my opinion you're wasting your life."*

*Jackie Robinson*

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**COLOSSIANS 3:1-10**

## THE WORK OF GOD

- <sup>NIV</sup> **COLOSSIANS 3:1** ... YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST...  
<sup>3</sup> FOR YOU DIED, AND YOUR LIFE IS NOW HIDDEN WITH CHRIST  
IN GOD. <sup>4</sup> WHEN CHRIST, WHO IS YOUR LIFE, APPEARS, THEN  
YOU ALSO WILL APPEAR WITH HIM IN GLORY. ... <sup>10</sup> AND HAVE  
PUT ON THE NEW SELF, WHICH IS BEING RENEWED IN  
KNOWLEDGE IN THE IMAGE OF ITS CREATOR.

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY

- <sup>NIV</sup> **COLOSSIANS 3:1** SINCE, THEN, YOU HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST, SET YOUR HEARTS ON THINGS ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. <sup>2</sup> SET YOUR MINDS ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON EARTHLY THINGS. ...<sup>5</sup> PUT TO DEATH, THEREFORE, WHATEVER BELONGS TO YOUR EARTHLY NATURE: SEXUAL IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, LUST, EVIL DESIRES AND GREED, WHICH IS IDOLATRY. <sup>6</sup> BECAUSE OF THESE, THE WRATH OF GOD IS COMING. <sup>7</sup> YOU USED TO WALK IN THESE WAYS, IN THE LIFE YOU ONCE LIVED. <sup>8</sup> BUT NOW YOU MUST RID YOURSELVES OF ALL SUCH THINGS AS THESE: ...

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**GALATIANS 5:16-25**

## THE CALL TO BATTLE

- <sup>NAS</sup> **GALATIANS 5:16** BUT I SAY, WALK BY THE SPIRIT, AND YOU WILL NOT CARRY OUT THE DESIRE OF THE FLESH. <sup>17</sup> FOR THE FLESH SETS ITS DESIRE AGAINST THE SPIRIT, AND THE SPIRIT AGAINST THE FLESH; FOR THESE ARE IN OPPOSITION TO ONE ANOTHER, SO THAT YOU MAY NOT DO THE THINGS THAT YOU PLEASE. ... <sup>25</sup> IF WE LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, LET US ALSO WALK BY THE SPIRIT.



## DEEDS OF THE FLESH

- <sup>NAS</sup> **GALATIANS 5:19** NOW THE DEEDS OF THE FLESH ARE EVIDENT, WHICH ARE: IMMORALITY, IMPURITY, SENSUALITY, <sup>20</sup> IDOLATRY, SORCERY, ENMITIES, STRIFE, JEALOUSY, OUTBURSTS OF ANGER, DISPUTES, DISSENSIONS, FACTIONS, <sup>21</sup> ENVYING, DRUNKENNESS, CAROUSING, AND THINGS LIKE THESE, OF WHICH I FOREWARN YOU JUST AS I HAVE FOREWARNED YOU THAT THOSE WHO PRACTICE SUCH THINGS SHALL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

## FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

- <sup>NAS</sup> **GALATIANS 5:22** BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, <sup>23</sup> GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL; AGAINST SUCH THINGS THERE IS NO LAW. <sup>24</sup> NOW THOSE WHO BELONG TO CHRIST JESUS HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH WITH ITS PASSIONS AND DESIRES.

## OUR RESPONSIBILITY

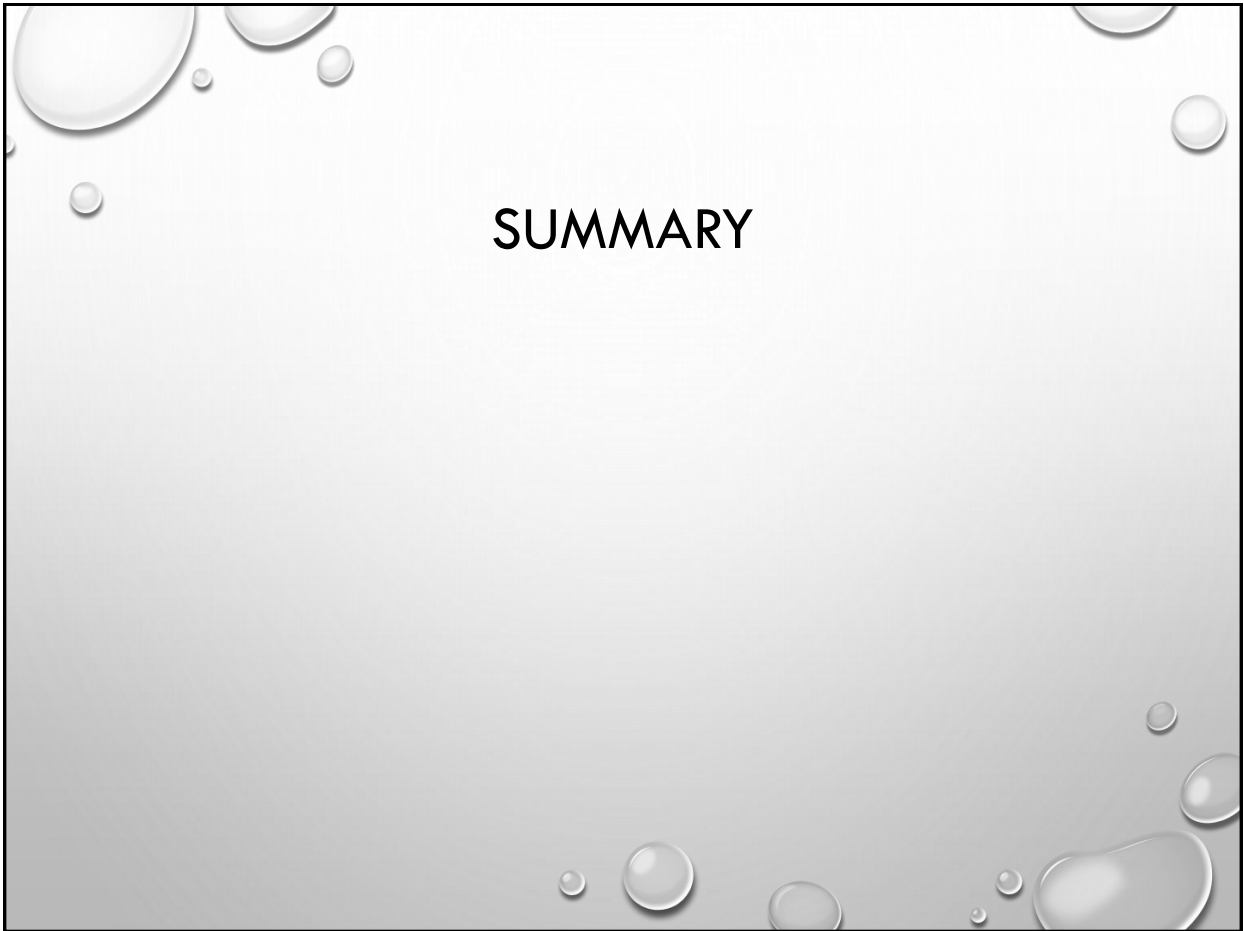
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**THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD AND THE  
RESPONSIBILITY OF MAN**

- <sup>ESV</sup> **EPHESIANS 2:8** FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH. AND THIS IS NOT YOUR OWN DOING; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, <sup>9</sup> NOT A RESULT OF WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE MAY BOAST. <sup>10</sup> FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED BEFOREHAND, THAT WE SHOULD WALK IN THEM.
- <sup>ESV</sup> **EPHESIANS 4:24** ... PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED AFTER THE LIKENESS OF GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.

- <sup>NAS</sup> **PHILIPPIANS 2:12** SO THEN, MY BELOVED, JUST AS YOU HAVE ALWAYS OBEYED, NOT AS IN MY PRESENCE ONLY, BUT NOW MUCH MORE IN MY ABSENCE, WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; <sup>13</sup> FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU, BOTH TO WILL AND TO WORK FOR *HIS* GOOD PLEASURE.
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# SUMMARY

## PASSIVE CHRISTIANITY IS DEAD CHRISTIANITY

- WHAT DO YOU WANT? WHAT DO YOU DESIRE? WHAT IS YOUR AMBITION?
- DO YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW? LOOK AT YOUR BEHAVIOR. YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT.
- THIS IS A DEVASTATINGLY SIMPLE PSYCHOLOGY OF MOTIVATION. BUT IT'S WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES
  - JOHN BLOOM, DESIRINGGOD.ORG



## FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD

- DON'T TELL ME YOU HAVE FAITH IF THE WAY YOU LIVE DOESN'T BACK UP WHAT YOU SAY.
  - <sup>ESV</sup> **JAMES 2:17** SO ALSO FAITH BY ITSELF, IF IT DOES NOT HAVE WORKS, IS DEAD. <sup>18</sup> BUT SOMEONE WILL SAY, "YOU HAVE FAITH AND I HAVE WORKS." SHOW ME YOUR FAITH APART FROM YOUR WORKS, AND I WILL SHOW YOU MY FAITH BY MY WORKS.

## LOVE WITHOUT DEEDS IS DEAD

- DON'T TELL ME YOU LOVE IF THE WAY YOU LIVE DOESN'T BACK UP WHAT YOU SAY.
  - <sup>ESV</sup> **1 JOHN 3:17** BUT IF ANYONE HAS THE WORLD'S GOODS AND SEES HIS BROTHER IN NEED, YET CLOSES HIS HEART AGAINST HIM, HOW DOES GOD'S LOVE ABIDE IN HIM? <sup>18</sup> LITTLE CHILDREN, LET US NOT LOVE IN WORD OR TALK BUT IN DEED AND IN TRUTH.

## GRACE WITHOUT HOLINESS IS DEAD

- DON'T TELL ME YOU REVEL IN GOD'S GRACE IF THE WAY YOU LIVE DOESN'T BACK UP WHAT YOU SAY.
  - <sup>ESV</sup> **ROMANS 6:12** LET NOT SIN THEREFORE REIGN IN YOUR MORTAL BODY, TO MAKE YOU OBEY ITS PASSIONS. <sup>13</sup> DO NOT PRESENT YOUR MEMBERS TO SIN AS INSTRUMENTS FOR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT PRESENT YOURSELVES TO GOD AS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FROM DEATH TO LIFE, AND YOUR MEMBERS TO GOD AS INSTRUMENTS FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS. <sup>14</sup> FOR SIN WILL HAVE NO DOMINION OVER YOU, SINCE YOU ARE NOT UNDER LAW BUT UNDER GRACE.

## DISCIPLESHIP WITHOUT OBEDIENCE IS DEAD

- DON'T TELL ME I'M YOUR LORD IF THE WAY YOU LIVE DOESN'T BACK UP WHAT YOU SAY
  - <sup>ESV</sup> **MATTHEW 7:21** "NOT EVERYONE WHO SAYS TO ME, 'LORD, LORD,' WILL ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, BUT THE ONE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN.

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# CONCLUSIONS

## JESUS CALLS US TO REPENT AND BELIEVE

- <sup>ESV</sup> **MARK 1:15** ... "THE TIME IS FULFILLED, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND; REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL."
- <sup>ESV</sup> **MARK 9:23** AND JESUS SAID TO HIM, "'IF YOU CAN!' ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR ONE WHO BELIEVES.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **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.

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