In His Image

Ken Chapman · Genesis 1:26–27

INTRODUCTION

- What's the third question that's always asked when a child is born?
- We recognize that for better or worse, children take on and resemble many of the both physical as well as personality aspects of their parents.
- And what does that mean when the Bible tells me that I was made in the image of God?

1 Made in the Image of God's Spirit

Genesis 1:26–27; John 4:24; John 1:14

- And God said, Let us make man in our image. According to our likeness.
- So God created man in his own image. In the image of God he created them, male and female, he created them.
- When we're made in the image of God, that means that we're made in the image of God's spirit. It's a spiritual comment, not a physical one.
- Better way of saying it is we are a spirit that temporarily possesses a physical body.

2 Every One Is Made in the Image of God

Acts 17:29; Acts 17:26; Psalm 139:13

- Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the divine nature is like gold or silver or stone.
- He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth.
- Every nation. Every race. Every one is made in the image of God.
- You formed my inward parts. You covered me in my mother's womb.
- The fact that we're made in the image of God deals with the sin of racism and it deals with the sin of abortion.

3 How I'm Going to View You and Treat You

Genesis 9:6; James 3:9; 1 John 4:20

- If I'm made in the image of God, and if you're made in the image of God, then this fact affects how I'm going to view you and treat you.
- Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed. For in the image of God, he made man.
- What makes your life valuable is that you were made in the image of God.
- With it we bless God, our Father, and with it we curse men who have been made in the similitude of God.
- If someone says, I love God and hates his brother, he's a liar.

4 How I View Myself: Connected to My Father

Acts 17:29

- If I've been made in the image of God, this not only affects how I'm going to view and treat you, but it also will affect how I view myself.
- The primary implication of that is that connects me to my Father.
- The divine nature, he says, is within us. That does not mean we are gods in and of ourselves. But we have a spark of the divine nature in us.
- It's the divine nature within me that gives me the ability to think and to reason and to dream and to love.

5 Sin Has Marred the Image; Put On the New Man

Ephesians 4:17–24; 1 John 3:1–2

- Through sin in the global sense and sin in my individual sense, that I am not what I ought to be when man was originally created in the image of God.
- That sin has marred this image, the spiritual image.
- And that you put on the new man, which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.
- Thanks be to God in Christ Jesus that there's a way that I can cleanse that inner man. And be made over in his image again.
- We know that when he is revealed, we shall be like him. For we shall see him as he is.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you become a Christian this morning and become that new man?**

MY NOTES