In the Image of God

Ken Chapman · Genesis 1:26–27

INTRODUCTION

- I look nothing like David Chapman. But I'm a lot like David Chapman.
- There's different ways that we can resemble people in our family, isn't there?
- I want to talk about the meaning and the significance of the fact that we are made in the image of God.

1 We Are Made in the Image of God

Genesis 9:6; James 3:9; Acts 17:29

- We are made in the image of God. That does not mean that God has a physical visage like ours.
- The only stated reason by God that I can kill a roach or an ant or a deer or a cow, but I can't kill you is this reason. For in the image of God he made man.
- Murder, cursing our fellow man, and even hating our fellow man is prohibited based upon this principle that we're made in the image of God.
- Wouldn't it change everything? If every time to everybody we could see them as a person made in the image of God.
- Since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the divine nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.
- God is a being that can create art and can devise. And so I see myself made in the image of God, and that tells me about God.

2 To Make Myself Into His Image

Ephesians 5:1; Ephesians 4:24; 2 Peter 1:4

- It is to be my life's goal to make myself into his image. To be like him.
- Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.
- We have separated ourselves from the image of God.
- Put on the new man, which was created according to God in true righteousness and holiness.
- What did Jesus do? Because the danger in what would Jesus do is I can kind of just make that up. But what I need to do is study the gospels.
- We are to become partakers of his divine nature, in that we are to be like him.

3 We'll Be Like Him in Eternity

Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:1–2

- Lastly, we'll be like him in eternity.
- Predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- In our resurrection, we will be conformed to the image of his son.

- We know that when he is revealed, we shall be like him. For we shall see him as he is.
- I don't know what I'll look like. And I don't know what I'll be like, but it's enough to know that I'll be like him for eternity.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **The challenge is for us to go and live like it. To live like those who have been created in his image, to live your life this week like those who are striving to be like him.**

MY NOTES