

Till Christ Be Formed in You

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Text

Gen 1:26 And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:** and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Gen 1:27 **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.**

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Gal 4:19 My little children, of whom **I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,**

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Col 1:28 **Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus:**

Col 1:29 Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

I. **Previous Teaching on God Our Saviour**

- a. The Fall & Death Sentence
- b. The Law of Sin & Death: we are freed by the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. We need to walk by the Spirit and put to death the deeds of the flesh in order to gain eternal life
- c. The promise of redemption via the Seed of Woman through the Seed of Abraham & the Seed of David: Yahshua the Son of David, the only begotten Son of YAHWEH

II. **The Image of the Earthly Adam**

Gen 5:1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him;

Gen 5:2 Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Gen 5:3 And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and **begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:**

- a. Man was made in the image and likeness of YHWH-Elohim
- b. After the fall, the descendants of Adam have his sinful, tarnished image and likeness

III. The Image of The Heavenly

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

1Co 15:46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

1Co 15:47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

1Co 15:48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

1Co 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Joh 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.

- a. Living soul to quickening spirit
- b. From earth vs from Heaven
- c. From image of the sinful Adam to the sinless Adam from Heaven
- d. The image of Yahshua: “full of grace & truth”
- e. We are to become like Him: “full of grace & truth”

IV. The New Man

Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Col 3:7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Col 3:11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.

1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

- a. Born again from incorruptible seed- the Word of Elohim
- b. New man renewed in knowledge after the image of our Creator, Yahshua

G1504: eikōn

i-kone'

From G1503: a likeness, that is, (literally) statue, profile, or (figuratively) representation, resemblance: - image.

V. Partakers of the Divine Nature

2Pe 1:3 According as his **divine power** hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, **through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:**

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having **escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

- a. Divine power to attain eternal life and godliness
- b. Divine power to know Him
- c. Called us to glory & virtue
- d. Divine power to escape the corruption of lust
- e. Divine power to be children of Elohim:

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave He **power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name:

Joh 1:13 Which were **born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God**.

VI. Like His Glorious Body

Php 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Php 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be **fashioned like unto his glorious body**, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the **sons of God**: therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, **we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.**

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

- a. From a vile body to “like His Glorious Body”

b. Sons of God [G5043: teknon]

c. Revealed in glory:

Col 3:4 *When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

d. We shall be like Him when we see Him as He is

e. Peter, James & John saw Him in His glory on the Mountain:

Mat 17:1 *And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart,*

Mat 17:2 *And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*

f. John saw Him on the island of Patmos:

Rev 1:12 *And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks,*

Rev 1:13 *And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.*

Rev 1:14 *His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire,*

Rev 1:15 *And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace, and his voice as the sound of many waters.*

Rev 1:16 *And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.*

VII. **Sanctification: to conform to His Image**

1Co 1:30 *But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:*

1Th 4:3 *For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:*

2Th 2:11 *And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:*

2Th 2:12 *That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

2Th 2:13 *But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:*

- a. Wisdom, righteousness, sanctification & redemption
- b. Sanctification is the will of Elohim for us
- c. Chosen for salvation through sanctification of the Spirit & belief in the truth
- d. Christians who are taught that “once saved always saved” and who therefore ignore the Torah and the need to obey the Truth and walk in it for sanctification will doom themselves to eternal damnation.

VIII. Sanctification Via:

a. The washing of the Word:

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

b. His Blood:

Heb 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

c. By Elohim Himself: spirit, soul & body

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

IX. From Glory to Glory By The Spirit

2Co 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.

Note: ignore the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit to your peril. Such people will retain the image of the earthly Adam and be excluded from His Kingdom.