

Subject 3

Sealed with the Image of God: The Promise of God Through Adam and Eve

The Promise of God:
Let us make man in our image and likeness.
(Genesis 1:26)

My Promise:
I will accept my position as a carrier of the image of God.

OPENING

Did you know that God made us like Him, more than any other thing that was created? The Bible says that we were made in His image. Now we are the only part of His glorious creation with this special description. That means that we were made and are being formed in the image of God. You are a diamond, a rose and a jewel; bought by the blood of Christ. The New Testament describes the progressive labor of God to form us into His image.

As we fellowship with God, read the Word, obey His commandments and try to understand and reflect His character, something beautiful begins to happen. God is revealed in us. We say what He would say. We do things that God would do. We forgive, we share and we love. It is as if God were shining an old coin. As time goes by, an image begins to appear. God's purpose is simply this: take away all that is not of God so that the internal image of God can be seen in us. We are carriers of the image of God and we can celebrate that promise.

MY IMAGE – A PROCESS OF HOPE IMAGE

We all have potential. Be it as individuals, as families, in our job, and as people of God. This potential is based on the unshakable hope of the image of God recorded in each of us. Just like in a coin in the process of

being shined, God is working in each of us to be able to achieve more than we can imagine.

Now we can measure our life in terms of stages. We believe that in the next 5 years, in the Kairos of God, will be a time of wonderful discoveries of the things that God will do through our lives. Even our church will return to the shine of the glory of God. You will shine in His glory. The Bible calls this the Shekinah Glory.

This is the question. Are we willing to accept our position as carriers of the image of God?

Read Colossians 3:5-10;

"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all."

BEGIN TO ERASE THE MISTAKEN IMAGE

Colossians 3:5-9 - "...having put to death the old man and his deeds." People think that having known God or having believed in Jesus that their journey is over. The reality is that their journey has just begun. God can now begin to shine what was of no good in order to bring out what is going to be of benefit. You and I, as children, have the blessing to "kill" (v5) and "leave" (v.8) those things that stole our potential. What took years to ruin, now God is going to accelerate in order to bless. There needs, however, to pay the price of "dying" and "letting go". It is NOT a bad offer. NO more children of disobedience (v.6) but rather children of obedience. Adam and Eve ran away from their true image. You and I are now in Christ and running toward our new identity.

Today we begin to erase all of that misery that Colossians 3:5-9 speaks of and other things as well!

THE KEY: PUTTING ON THE NEW SELF OF HIS IMAGE

Colossians 3:10- “and putting on the new self...” The Christian life is a race, a journey, a process, a destiny, etc...Saint Paul exhorts us to decide to go and renew ourselves until we get to the full understanding. Since we have been speaking about the next 5 years, do you believe that we are going to finalize this process of renovation here on the earth? Of course not! This process does not stop happening until we have a “full understanding”. According to 1 Corinthians, this full understanding will occur when we arrive into the presence of God.

Therefore, all of the days of our lives, the image of God will shine more and more brightly. We will go from blessing to blessing. Our spiritual life will grow more and more and our faith will become firmer. Our vocabulary will be more powerful, and our victories more sure. It is time for the coin to shine like the light of Jesus Christ reflected in it! There is a change coming to your life in the Kairos of God!

CHRIST IS MY IDENTITY

Colossians 3:11 - “where there is no...only Christ is all, and is in all.” When we accept the image of God in our lives, there is no description that can fade out or erase His image. I no longer define myself for “what I was.” Now I define myself by what is **All** in my life. He is not only my all, but He is the all of our family, life group and church.

His presence is so powerful that we are transformed; we are renovated, and are empowered to live lives of major excellence.

It is the Kairos of God that can create a powerful image in our lives. How does it begin? Erasing the old image with the blood of the sacrifice of Christ, and accepting our identity now that Christ is our all! Do you believe it!