

## In God's Likeness

### Genesis 1:26-27

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.

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

God created man in his own image! In God's image! Male and female, created God them. After his likeness.

### Genesis 2:7

7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

God's miracle of creating man after his own image after his own likeness! God created man like himself—Immortal—Eternal—everlasting Life. God created man to worship him-(God). God visited Adam and Eve in the cool of the evening for fellowship.

Man became God's son; Adam and Eve were God's son and daughter, his children. They were in one accord with each other. Man was sinless, God is always and forever sinless. Man was completely in the fellowship with God! For man in the beginning was created sinless.

This was man's blessed state of immortality with God; **UNTIL** Adam and Eve disobeyed God's commandment not to eat of the tree of Knowledge of good and Evil.

Adam and Eve lost their eternal Life with God when they ate of this forbidden fruit. They lost their immortality because they broke God's one and only commandment to them. **Do Not Eat of the Tree of Knowledge!** They committed sin! Sin is breaking God's commandments.

The penalty of sin is death! Man was out of fellowship with God—lost and on his way to eternal damnation, eternal suffering—where there shall be weeping-wailing-and gnashing of teeth! Where the worm dieth not!

### **John 3:16**

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God gave us blessed hope—His Son Jesus!

Through Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, God has restored unto us eternal, everlasting, immortal life. We are once again in the fellowship with God!

Jesus his own self bore our sins in his own body, on the tree, that we being dead to sins should live unto righteousness by whose stripes we are healed.

### **Isaiah 53:5**

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

We bare God's image. We were created in God's image, in God's likeness. God loved us so much that he robed himself in the form of sinful flesh, he who knew no sin, took on our likeness and became a man and put sin to death in the flesh.

Christ redeemed his creation! Jesus came to seek and to save that which was lost. (You and me).

But made himself of no reputation, took upon him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. And being found in the fashion of a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

### **Philippians 2:5-8**

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Ladies and gentlemen, think, God loved us so much—he was willing to become a man and to die, shedding his own sinless blood to redeem his sons and daughters, which is us, the church.

**Revelation 21:6**

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

The Spirit and the Bride says come, and he that heareth says come and whoso will take the Water of Life Freely!

Behold what manner of love of the Father hath bestowed on us, that we should be called the Sons of God! Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

Beloved now are we the sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be—but we know that when He (Jesus) shall appear; we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**1 John 3:1-3**

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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.

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

**Psalms 17:15**

15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.