
"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me..."
(Galatians 2:20)

After reading these passages, Who is the "new creation"? **Jesus Christ in us...** that is the hope of glory... the "new creation"!

Honor Him To Whom Honor Is Due!

"That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him." (John 5:23)

It should be clear that Jesus Christ is the One we should be honoring. We ought to be those that **shine** and **reflect** His glorious "**image**" for all the world to see.

The "**image**" is nothing... the One Who's "**image**" it is... **He is EVERYTHING!**

Let God Honor You!

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up." (James 4:10)

Far too often, we attempt to handle God's part... and we try and **lift ourselves up**.

God says that we need to **humble ourselves**.

God is more than capable of taking care of His part. Therefore, we should be solely focused on **being humble**.

Humility - Made In God's Image

As we are Christ-focused, realizing that without Him we **can do nothing**... as we seek to **increasingly reflect and resemble Him and His glory**... as we grow in the truth that **Jesus is our ALL in ALL**... that **He is everything**...

others will glorify Christ in us!

Remember, we are the image of Jesus... **He alone is worthy!**



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*"And God said, Let us make man **in our image, after our likeness**..."* (Genesis 1:26)

This may be one of the most misunderstood and misused Scriptures in the Bible. It is often used to ascribe great worth and value to people, to bolster one's self-esteem, and to elevate the self-importance of individuals.

Some have even gone so far as to proclaim themselves as "little gods" because of being made in the Big God's image. Clearly we can see the dangers of "excesses" in this concept.

Avoiding these "excesses", if one thinks logically, **some** of this makes sense. Other than God Himself, what could be more important and of greater value than that which was made "**like Him**"?

Before we employ our human logic to this thought, let's recall what God says about the way we think...

*"For my thoughts **are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.**"* (Isaiah 55:8)

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MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD - WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Further Clarification From Jesus

A self-focused understanding of Genesis 1:26 and the concept of being made in God's image is sure to lead one to flawed conclusions.

A God-focused understanding of this verse is truly glorious and places **ALL** of the emphasis, esteem, and honor upon Him to Whom it is due... **GOD!**

At this point, let's review what Jesus said in regards to our success and what it is based on.

*"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that **abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**" (John 15:5)*

Jesus Christ in us is our success! Without Him we cannot accomplish anything!

People may say that the image of God we have been made in gives us some amount of "God-value". Why then does Jesus say that without Him, **we can do NOTHING?**

Some Definitions

It is necessary to understand the definitions of the Hebrew words that God chose when writing this passage. We think of the "image" and "likeness" of God often in very different ways from God.

Following are the definitions of the Hebrew words used in Genesis 1:26.

Image: The Hebrew word is "tselem" and it means - "to shade; a phantom, i.e. (figuratively) illusion, resemblance; hence, a representative figure, especially an idol:—image, vain shew." (From the Strong's Concordance.)

Likeness: The Hebrew word is "dēmûwth" and it means - "resemblance; concretely, model, shape; adverbially, like:—fashion, like (-ness, as), manner, similitude." (From the Strong's Concordance.)

Since God most assuredly chose the perfect words to communicate His message, we can clearly see that being made in the "image" and "likeness" of God means that we are to **resemble** and **reflect** God's glory. We are ordained to live in a manner that shows people God's glory... NOT our own.

An Example

A solid way to understand this Hebrew "image" concept is that of a mirror.

(It should be noted, that in the following analogy the image held up to a mirror is actually a reverse image.)

If I hold a \$100 bill up to a mirror, I can see clearly the "image" of the \$100 note. It reflects very accurately what the \$100 looks like. With great precision the details of the \$100 can be seen and described.

The "image" of this \$100 bill clearly shows the "glory" of this currency. However, the "image" of the \$100 holds **NONE** of the value of the real \$100 bill.

This is how it is with Christians. We are to as fully as possible **show God's glory to everyone around us.** We should look increasingly like our **Precious Savior, Jesus!**

But we must never transfer God's glory to ourselves. We must never ascribe to **SELF** that which **BELONGS TO GOD ALONE!**

What About Being A New Creation?

Absolutely! When one is born again, God indeed makes us a "new creation". When true spiritual birth takes place, God dramatically changes us and is making us new.

Here again, it is critical to understand what (or more accurately "Who") this "new creation" is. Below are a few Bible verses in which God tells us about this "new life" that we have as believers.

*"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.**" (Colossians 1:27)*

*"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**" (1 John 4:4)*