

Doctrine of the Image of God
in Man

Deeper

ANCIENT TRUTHS THAT ANCHOR US



Center City Church

“Doctrine leads to Doxology”

right thinking → right living → right praise!

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“Man is a created being, a derived and contingent self, who of himself possesses nothing but is dependent each moment for his existence upon the One who created him after His own likeness. The fact of God is necessary to the fact of man. Think God away and man has no ground of existence.” - A.W. Tozer

Uncreated

God

Created

Everything
Else

From *None like him*, Jen Wilkens

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Revelation 4:11 “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

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“There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors. - CS LEWIS, *The weight of glory*

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b. Morality

c. Work

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John 17: 21 that all of them may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I am in You. May they also be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

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b. Morality

2. How do we image Him?: *through morality*

Hebrews 8:10b “I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people”

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“Instead, think of the gospel as a set of glasses through which you ‘look’ at everything else in the world. Christian artists, when they do this faithfully, will not be completely beholden either to profit or to naked self-expression; and they will tell the widest variety of stories.

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Christians in business will see profit as only one of several bottom lines; and they will work passionately for any kind of enterprise that serves the common good. The Christian writer can constantly be showing the destructiveness of making something besides God into the central thing, even without mentioning God directly.”

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- a. Starting point
- b. Eternal point



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James 4:4 You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

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Romans 5:10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

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2 Cor 4: 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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Col 1: 15 He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

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Hebrews 1:3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

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2 Cor 15: 42 So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. 43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. 44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

3. Why does it matter?

2 Cor 15: 45 Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”;e the last Adam became a life-giving spirit...

49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.