

IMAGE IS EVERYTHING

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Genesis 1:26–28 | Romans 8:14–17

Big Idea

Redemption is not about joining a religion.
It is about restoring **image, likeness, and dominion**.

If we do not return to image, likeness, and dominion, we have not fulfilled the redemptive purpose of Jesus.

1. THE ORIGINAL DESIGN

Genesis 1:26–28

- Created in His **image**
- Formed in His **likeness**
- Commissioned with **dominion**

God said it twice:

- Made in image
- Given dominion

Satan does not hate you because you are a Christian.
He hates you because you are what he wanted to be.

The fall was not just about sin.
It was about the loss of image and dominion.

Death = Absence of image.

2. JESUS: THE LAST ADAM

Jesus did not come to start a religion.
He came to restore sons.

Everything in salvation has an “**R-E**” prefix:

- Repent
- Renew
- Revive
- Restore
- Return

He came to **redo what Adam undid**.

When you read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John:
You are not studying for information.
You are looking at your **potential**.

Jesus is the revealed image.
Jesus is the restored dominion.
Jesus is what humanity was meant to look like.

3. CLOSING THE GAP

The goal of the believer:
Close the gap between who you are and who He is.

Not church attendance.
Not performance.
Not religious activity.

But:

- More love
- More peace
- More authority
- More manifestation
- More maturity

The real enemy is not the devil.
It is immature thinking.

THREE SHIFTS TO WALK IN IMAGE

SHIFT #1

From “God” to “Father”

Romans 8:15 – Spirit of adoption, Abba Father.

Old Covenant: God

New Covenant: Father

God is a title.

Father is relationship.

You can have God without intimacy.

You cannot have Father without relationship.

Evidence you’ve made the shift:

- No fear.
- No running away.
- No shame cycles.
- You run to Him, not from Him.

You can leave fellowship.

You cannot leave sonship.

You are not loved because you perform well.

You are loved because He is Father.

SHIFT #2

From Sinner to Son

The moment you were born again:

- You went from sinner → son.
- You no longer have a past.
- Old things passed away.
- All things became new.

You can use your past for testimony.

You cannot use it for identity.

Stop identifying with who you were.

Start identifying with who you are.

You are not:

- Slave
- Addict
- Failure
- Broken

You are:

- Son
- Daughter
- Born of His Spirit
- Carrier of His DNA

SHIFT #3

From Son to Heir

Romans 8:17 – Heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ.

Satan cannot stop you from being born again.

But he will fight you over your inheritance.

Inheritance means:

If it belongs to God, it belongs to me.

WHAT IS IN THE INHERITANCE?

1. Spiritual Authority

- Power over demonic activity
- Gifts of the Spirit
- Right to use the Name of Jesus
- Lay hands on the sick
- Cast out devils
- Speak with authority

Not reserved for church altars.

Not reserved for ministers.

Reserved for heirs.

2. Physical Healing

Healing is not earned.

Healing is inherited.

You do not fast to convince God.

You fast to align yourself.

Stripes were for now.

Glorified body later.

Healing provision now.

3. Material Provision

Psalms 112 – Wealth and riches in his house, righteousness endures forever.

Not love of money.

But kingdom dominion.

Wealth is for:

- Vision
- Kingdom expansion
- Funding righteousness

- Territory
- Generosity
- Dominion

Provision follows vision.

THE CALL

Image is everything.

Redemption = Restoration of:

- Image
- Likeness
- Dominion

Stop settling for:

- Religion
- Shame
- Immaturity
- Fear
- Lack

Start living as:

- Sons
- Heirs
- Image bearers
- Dominion carriers