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SERMON NOTES

INTRODUCTION

God is Triune. Simply stated, that means He is three person in one. There is a mysterious glory to this that we are drawn to.

THE AIM today is to examine this mystery as it pertains to how we are created in the image of God. This is referred to in Latin as the “*Imago Dei*.”

MAIN POINTS

Today, we turn to the person through whom God’s delight is revealed and shared with us: the eternal begotten Son, who was joyfully given.

1. GOD IS TRINITARIAN

The Imago Dei shapes human dignity, identity, and function.

Deuteronomy 6:4 | Isaiah 45:5

1. THEY ARE ONE GOD

The Bible is clear that there is only one God.

2. THEY ARE THREE DISTINCT PERSONS

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are each revealed as God, yet they are distinct persons.

3. THEY ARE SEEN TOGETHER

There are key moments where all three person appear together.

4. THEY ARE UNITED IN BOTH ROLE AND RELATIONSHIP

The three persons of the Trinity work together in perfect unity.

□ The Imago Dei shapes human dignity, identity, and function.

□ What the Imago Dei *doesn't* mean.

□ Imago Dei Academy:
gloria | amor | veritas | missio



THE TRIUNE GOD DRAWN TO GLORY

2. SIN DISTORTS THE CREATED IMAGE OF GOD

This is the fundamental aim of Satan.

Jeremiah 17:9 | Ephesians 4:18 | Romans 1:22-25 | John 10:10 | Leviticus 19:28

1. HOW SIN DISFIGURES THE IMAGE OF GOD

2. THE POWERFUL EFFECT OF SIN

3. YOUR BODY IS GOD’S CANVAS - REFLECTING THE IMAGE OF GOD

Q: Has sin kept you from being a living, walking statue of the Imago Dei?

3. THE GOSPEL RESTORES THE IMAGE

There is beauty and glory in this restoration.

COLOSSIANS 1:15 | COLOSSIANS 1:19-20 | ROMANS 8:29 | 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 | EPHESIANS 4:22, 24

Jesus is “the image of the invisible God,” the one in whom the image is fully and perfectly expressed.

GOD PURPOSED TO RESTORE THE FRACTURED “IMAGE OF GOD” IN OUR LIVES

Even though the fall distorted God’s image, the image is not completely lost; it is still present, though wounded, and God has initiated restoration through Christ and the Spirit.

JASON LAXTON

“The idea of “*missio Dei*” (God’s mission) includes restoring and renewing the “*imago Dei*” in humanity—not just individually but as a community that reflects God’s glory, honor and praise.”

CONCLUSION

So... **Behold!** You are made in God’s image. **Believe!** The gospel is restoring you. **Belong!** To a community that is “in process!”

PASTOR JOHN STONE

KEY VERSES DEUTERONOMY 6:4