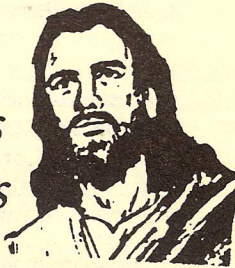


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THE IMAGE OF HIS SON - ROMANS 8:29

This is the first in a series of Bible studies which you can do by correspondence in the privacy of your own home. The Bible is the most widely published book in the world and yet it is one of the least read. The average reader (200 wpm) could read the whole Bible in 64 hours, but still, many Bibles sit unused on a shelf or in a drawer.

These Bible studies are designed to open the Scriptures for the reader. We hope to make the message of the Bible more clear, therefore encouraging more Bible reading. These studies may be used by an individual or by a family.

If you are new at Bible reading you will find a table of contents in the front of your Bible to help you find the different books. The verses for answering the questions in this Bible study are from the King James Version. The text has been emphasized by underlining key words for this study.

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I. What is man?

There are two aspects to the nature of a human being - the **physical** and the **spiritual**.

A. 2 Corinthians 4:16

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

1. Is the "outward man" a part of our physical or spiritual nature? _____

2. Is the "inward man" a part of our physical or spiritual nature? _____

B. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. What can you identify as a part of the "inward man" in this verse? _____
2. What can you identify as a part of the "outward man" in this verse? _____

C. Genesis 1:26-27

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

1. The body of the man and woman were created **physically different** from each other, yet they both were created **in the image of God**. Was this image they shared physical or spiritual? _____

D. Colossians 1:15

Speaking about Jesus it says: Who is the image of the invisible God, the first born of every creature:

1. What does the above verse say that the image of God is?
____ Visible ____ Invisible
2. Conclusion: Is the image of God in mankind physical (outer) or is it spiritual (inner)? _____

II. The Image Of Christ.

A. Since Adam was the first of the human race the whole human family is identified in him. When Adam sinned, death entered into the human race. Sin resulted in broken fellowship with God. All those who came after Adam were born in the image of Adam as sinful beings.

Romans 5:12

Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned;

Psalms 51:5

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

1. From Romans 5:12, who was the "one man" whereby sin entered into the world? _____
2. From Psalms 51:5, are all people born in sin? _____

B. Genesis 5:1-3

This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day that they were created. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth:

1. Seth was born in Adam's image and likeness. Was Seth born with Adam's fallen, sinful nature? _____
 2. Please describe the differences between the image which Adam was originally created with and the image which Seth was born with. _____
 3. Go back and read Romans 5:12 again. Are all people identified with Adam in sin? _____
 4. Can you think of ways that you have sinned against God? _____
- D. The only way that mankind can be restored into a true relationship with God is through faith in Jesus Christ. God will take our fallen, unrighteous image (after Adam) and **re-create us** into a **new image** after the righteousness of His Son, Jesus.

Ephesians 4:22-24

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

1. What is wrong with the "old man,"

which results in God having to create a "new man" in us? _____

E. Colossians 3:9-10

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him;

1. In these verses, the new man is renewed in the image of God who created Adam. What are we told to do with the old man? _____

F. 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1. When a person becomes a Christian "he is a new creature." What happens to the old things? _____

III. Salvation by grace through faith.

- A. God tells us that we can have a relationship with Him through the righteousness of His Son, Jesus. The sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross provided reconciliation with God and forgiveness of our sins, if we put faith in Him. It is through Jesus and His work that we get our new image.

Ephesians 1:7

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Romans 5:10

For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

1. What does the sacrifice of Christ and the shedding of His blood provide for believers? _____
2. Does Christ's sacrifice completely atone for our sins, or is there more which is needed? _____

- B. "Grace" is a word used in the Bible to describe something done for a

person which is completely undeserved and unearned.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

1. Does this say that we are saved by God's grace or by our works? _____
2. Why is salvation called "the gift" of God? _____

IV. How you can have the image of Christ and be reconciled to God.

A. God has provided salvation through Jesus Christ and His atonement. You can place your faith in Jesus resulting in salvation.

Romans 3:24-25

Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

1. Does faith in Jesus and his blood bring righteousness and remission of sins? _____

B. Romans 10:9-10

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1. Have your confessed Jesus as YOUR Lord? _____
2. Do you believe that God has raised Him from the dead? _____
3. Do you believe that salvation and forgiveness of sins can come only through faith in Jesus Christ? _____

C. YOU CAN RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE AND PLACE YOUR FAITH IN JESUS AS YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR RIGHT NOW.

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup

with him, and he with me.

1. Is Jesus knocking at the door of your heart? Do you have a longing in your heart to love Him and obey Him as your Lord? _____
- D. If you have answered yes to these questions, then you need to respond to God's loving grace.

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If you would like to be forgiven of your sins and receive Jesus as your Savior, then the first step is prayer. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins and to make you a New Creation in His own image. Pray and ask the Lord to save you from your sinful past and to make you His child. He has promised to do so!

John 1:12

But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

1. Did you ask Jesus to become your Savior? _____

If you did then you need to continue reading your Bible so that you can get to know God. Talk to God often in prayer and find a Bible-centered protestant Church to fellowship in.

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