



What does the Word of God declare about man being created in the image of God?

Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Genesis 5:1-2: "This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created."

Genesis 2:7: "And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

The reason why:

Job 32:8: "There *is* a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding."

Therefore:

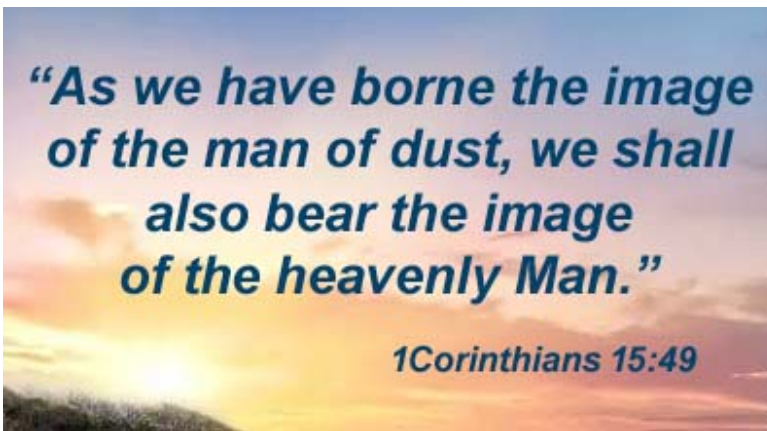
1 Corinthians 2:11: "For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God."

The reason why, in Christ we are enjoined to:

Ephesians 4:24: "Put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

Do I understand the great blessing that God bestowed upon man in creating him in His image, so that man would live in true righteousness and holiness?

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For what purpose did God create man?

Genesis 1:28: "God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

As such Psalm 8:6 says: "You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet."

What's more?

Romans 8:29: "Whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Why?

Philippians 3:20-21: "Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables Him even to subject all things to Himself.

As a result:

2 Corinthians 3:18: "All of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord, who is the Spirit, makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image."

Therefore:

Psalm 119:73: "Your hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments."

Is my heart being transformed into the image of the heavenly Man, Christ Jesus?

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***“For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

Romans 6:23

Why do we need Christ, to live righteously in the image of God?

Romans 3:23: “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

1Corinthians 15:22: “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”

2Corinthians 3:15-16: “Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.”

For this purpose:

John 1:14: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 1:12: “As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

Romans 6:6: “Our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

Titus 2:14: “That He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people.”

The reason Jesus said:

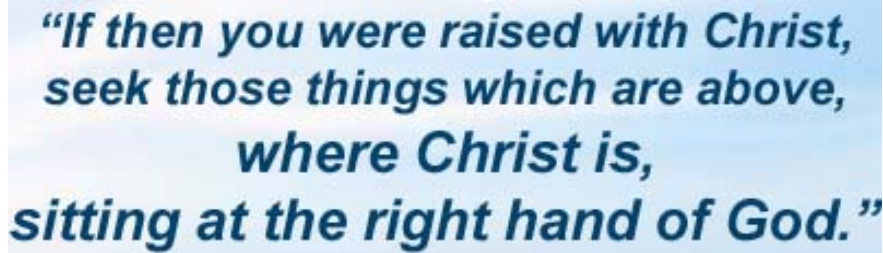
John 3:3: “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Therefore:

2 Corinthians 5:17: “If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

Do I understand how important it is to abide in Christ for eternal life?

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***“If then you were raised with Christ,
seek those things which are above,
where Christ is,
sitting at the right hand of God.”***

Colossians 3:1

What is the path to follow so we abide in Christ, into eternal life with God?

Romans 12:1-2: “That you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Why?

Galatians 2:20: “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

As such:

Ephesians 4:14: “We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.”

What’s more?

2 Corinthians 4:16: “We do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.”

Therefore:

1 John 3:2-3: “We know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

How steadfast am I to abide in Christ and follow the path to eternal life, Christ Jesus the Lord?

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***“The hour is coming, and now is,
when the true worshipers
will worship the Father
in spirit and truth;
for the Father is seeking
such to worship Him.”
John 4:23***

How does a true believer in Christ live to worship God?

First:

John 4:24: “God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

As such:

Colossians 3:16: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

Hebrews 12:28: “Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”

Why?

Luke 4:8: “For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

Romans 11:36: “For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever.”

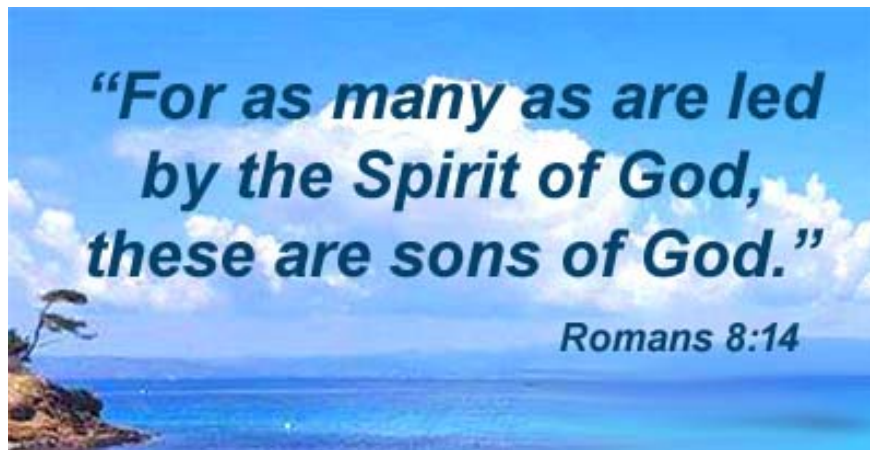
Revelation 4:11: “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

Therefore:

Jeremiah 9:23-24: “Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.”

How true and steadfast am I to worship God, in spirit and in truth?

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How is God's power manifested in the life of a true follower of Christ?

Isaiah 57:15: "For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

Job 33:4: "The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life."

The reason Jesus said:

John 6:63: "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life."

Why?

John 3:5: "Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Romans 8:9: "But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

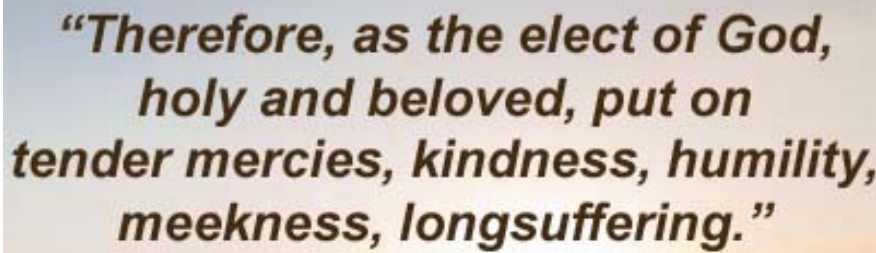
Therefore:

Romans 8:1: "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

Romans 8:11: "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

Does my life reflect a walk in the Spirit of Christ?

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***“Therefore, as the elect of God,
holy and beloved, put on
tender mercies, kindness, humility,
meekness, longsuffering.”***

Colossians 3:12

As believers in Christ, what attitude of the heart must we follow so we live in the image of God?

Philippians 2:5-8: “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.”

Romans 12:3: “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

Micah 6:8: “He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Why?

1 Peter 5:5: “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

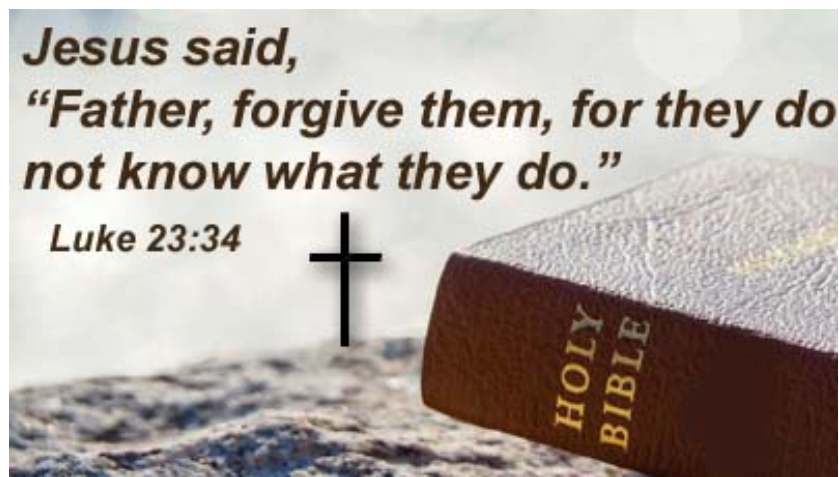
Proverbs 11:2: “When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble *is* wisdom.”

Therefore:

1 Peter 5:6-7: “Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”

How humbly do I live, so I abide in Christ in the image of God?

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As the featured scripture declares, Jesus even forgave those who crucified Him. As such, what did Jesus teach us about forgiveness?

Matthew 6:14-15: "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Luke 6:27: "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."

Luke 6:37: "Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

Luke 17:3-4: "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."

How is that achieved?

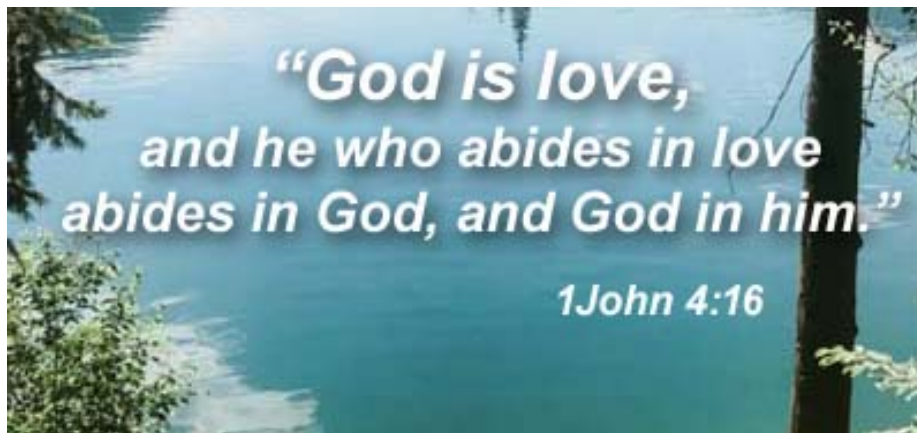
Ephesians 4:31-32: "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

What's more?

Mark 11:25: "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

Do I realize that as many times God has forgiven us for our sins, we must also forgive anyone who offends us?

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How did God prove His love towards us?

John 3:16: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Romans 5:8: "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Ephesians 2:4-6: "God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus."

The purpose being:

1 John 4:9: "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

John 13:34-35: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples."

Why?

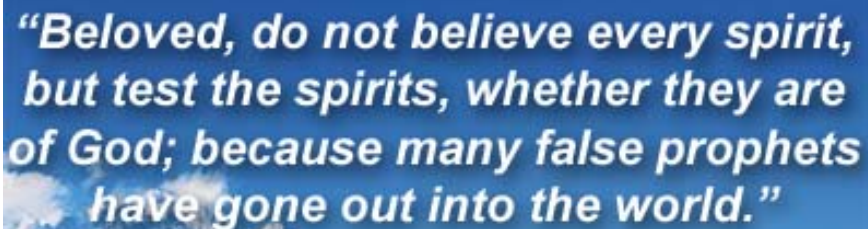
1 John 4: 8: "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

Therefore:

John 15:4: "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

Do I abide in the love of God, in Christ Jesus, the bond of perfection?

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***“Beloved, do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits, whether they are
of God; because many false prophets
have gone out into the world.”***

1John 4:1

How seriously does the Word of God warn us about being deceived, as well as being deceivers ourselves?

1 Peter 5:8: “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Galatians 6:7-8: “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

Why?

Matthew 24:24: “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

1 John 2:16: “For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.”

Therefore:

Ephesians 4:14: “We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.”

What’s more?

Matthew 10:28: “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

How anchored in Christ am I, so I wholeheartedly follow Him to ensure I am not deceived by the world?

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