

Union with Christ

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Restoration of the Glorious Image of God

- Gen. 1:26-27 | Then 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 birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
 - “So God ***created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him*** male and female he created them.”
- Gen. 9:6 | Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, ***for God made man in his own image.***
- Ex. 20:4 ***You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything*** that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

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Restoration of the Glorious Image of God

- Col. 1:15-17 | ***He is the image of the invisible God***, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- Heb. 1:3a | 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..
- 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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Restoration of the Glorious Image of God

- 1 Cor. 15:35-49 | "... ***Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.***" (v. 49)
- Rom 8:29 | For those whom he foreknew he also predestined ***to be conformed to the image of his Son***, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
- Col. 3:1-11 | "... and have put on the new self, which is ***being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.***" (vs. 10)
- 2 Cor. 3:17-18 | "... And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, ***are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.***" (vs. 18a)

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Sanctification in Light of Union with Christ

- “Beholding is becoming”
 - How do we, practically speaking, behold the *glory of Christ* to progress toward the completely restored image of God that we are *promised in Christ*?