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## IN HIS IMAGE

### Genesis 1:27

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

Image— A reproduction of the form of a person or object; one that closely resembles another.

When God created man, He created male and female in the image of Him. Man was created in both the image and likeness of God. An image may be similar but not necessarily identical to its original.

Archaeologists claim man is a reproduction of an ape while the bible teaches us that man was created in the image of God which is a spirit and you can't see a spirit with the physical eye, but through the eye of the spirit.

Adam and Eve weren't created in the image of apes, but in the image of God. They were created with an intellect and given the power to dominate every animal.

Adam and Eve were created with a soul whereas animals

don't have souls, they don't have the ability to think, or have a will and emotions.

Adam and Eve weren't in the Garden of Eden looking and acting like apes. They were intelligent beings given the authority by the Creator to rule and dominate as well as create because they had the Spirit of the Living God indwelling their being.

When man was first created, sin had not taken dominion although it had entered into the world through Satan. Man was first created in the beauty of holiness. Sin didn't gain authority until Adam and Eve disobeyed God. Although Adam and Eve had the Spirit of God indwelling their physical bodies they were still free-will agents to obey or disobey God's commandments. When they disobeyed this became the fall of man.

Regaining a likeness of God is one of the accomplishments of salvation by accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior. Our spiritual likeness is restored in justification. Our character likeness is being continuously developed in the process of sanctification. Baptism nor denomination is salvation, neither does it bring us into sanctification. Salvation comes only through accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and allowing Him to be Lord in every area of our being. There is nothing we can do in ourselves to bring salvation or

to earn salvation. God is the source of our relationship with Jesus.

### John 6:44

**No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

Our relationship with Jesus is personal and ongoing, it doesn't start on Sunday morning and end on Sunday evening, but it's daily communication and bringing ourselves to submit to the word of God and His Spirit.

When someone has fathered a child or given birth to a child, that child will resemble the parent. He or she will look like them in appearance as well as some of their characteristics. Anyone that knows the parent and sees the child will know that child belongs to that parent. It should be the same with every born-again child of God. We should show the resemblance and character of our Father. One of the characteristics of God is Holiness. Holiness should be a part of our daily character, being separated from the things of the world and dedicated to God in our spirit, soul mind and body. Faithfulness is one of God characteristics. Are we really faithful to God in loving Him and serving Him according to His word and not our beliefs? Do we commune with Him daily or monthly? Can he count on us to pray for one another. Can we give

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praise when we're in need or going through a trial or do we only praise Him when things are going our way? Can we be faithful in giving Him the praise that is due Him? Can we give Him the glory when He has given us the knowledge and wisdom to obtain wealth? Can we love people unconditional? Can we submit ourselves to Him although it might not feel good to our flesh, it might cause rejection and persecutions? All of this is in His image. Before we can be in the image of God we must die to our own way of thinking and doing things. We must have the Fruit of the Spirit operating in our lives that brings forth goodness and righteousness.

Fruit of the Spirit can only be produced by God, it's something we can't fake. Fruit of the Spirit is the character of Christ in the fullest manifestation.

The God we serve is powerful, and we have a portion of that power living within our being. The God that spoke the world into existence lives within our being. There is nothing we cannot accomplish as a born-again child of God.

The problem is that many of us don't understand the power that lives within us, if we did, we wouldn't be defeated. Secondly, most of us don't want to suffer when the Bible has already told us if we suffer with Christ we shall reign with Him. **(2nd Timothy 2:12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us).** Suffering here indicates to endure. To continue in the faith without wavering. Sometimes

we go through suffering in order for us to begin to use the power God has empowered us with. Too many times we let Satan walk up and down our back, take what God has given us, and we sit back and do nothing when Jesus has given us the keys to the kingdom of heaven and the authority to bind and loose. **(Matthew 16:19—And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.** With keys you can open and locked doors. In other words we can open the door and release the things we need from heaven and we can lock the door and forbid Satan and his followers to stop making havoc in our lives as well as in other people lives. Too many times we're having a pity party when we should be in prayer coming against demonic spirits that would try to hinder us from receiving what God has for us.

Just as God spoke the world into existence, we too can speak things into existence because of the Spirit of God that lives within us. Stop running from the devil and begin to resist him. Believe the report of the Lord and not the report Satan speaks to your mind and emotions. Now faith is the things hope for the evidence of things not seen. If you can see it and feel it, it's temporal, it's limited by time, sooner or later it will no longer exist. Speak to your body and demand it to come in line with the word of God, to be in health and your soul to prosper. Speak to your mind and decree soundness and

your heart full of boldness, speak to your heart and decree unconditional love to be overflowing. Pay your tithes give your offering, live according to God's principals then speak and demand Satan to lose your money. You see, we can't demand Satan to do anything if we're still walking in agreement with him. If we're still inviting him to come and take a stroll with us every now and then. God has empowered every born-again Christian to have power over demonic spirits as well as making ourselves come into subjection to the word of God.

Prayer, praise, and faith is the most deadliest weapons we can use against our enemy. Prayer and praise help draw the Spirit of God into our midst. God dwells in the praises of His saints. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty and demonic spirits don't want to be around the Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God that moved in the Prophets of Old as well as the Apostles is the same Spirit that dwells within us. He hasn't changed. The anointing that was residing in them to heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons is the same Spirit that dwells within us, what He did then, He will do today if we submit ourselves to Him as the Prophets and Apostles did.

People of God the anointing is not in a title, but it does differ in different offices. Every born-again Christian have been given the authority to cast out demons.

**Luke 10:19**

**Behold I give unto you power**

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(authority) to tread (trample) on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. **Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.**

If you have been born of the Spirit of God, you don't have to accept what Satan is doing in you or your love ones. Instead of running here and there for prayer begin to take the authority God has given you. There is nothing wrong with having people to pray for you, but God didn't give us His Spirit for us to relay on others rather than Him. It's the Spirit of God that lives in us that demonic spirits comes subject to, we're just the vessel God is using to work through.

### **1st John 4:4**

**Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.** God dwells within every born-again Christian, He's greater than any disease, financial, marriage, emotional or mental problem. The problem is, we always relay on ourselves instead of looking to Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith. God spoke the world into existence, the same God that created the universe lives within you, His Son dwells in you.

### **John 14:23**

**Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will**

**come unto him, and make our abode (home) with him.** There is no way we can lose or not be effective when we have the Spirit of God living in us. God is a God of reproduction, He spoke things into existence, and as children of God we must begin to speak people into the kingdom of God. Begin to curse diseases and sickness. Demand your money to be loosed, love, give and forgive. Live a life that will exemplify the holiness of God that lives in you.

When our lives begin to reflect the holiness and the greatness of God, not only will our lives be changed, but we could change the lives of others. This comes by total submission to God, prayer must be consistent and persistent, fasting, reading and studying the word of God. Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard nor have entered into the heart of man the power that lives within us, waiting to be manifested.

### **John 14:12**

**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.** God has given us power that we have not tapped into, a power that is so awesome, atheists, agnostics will know that there is a God and He reigns. Homosexuals will be delivered by the laying of hands. Diseased people will live again by the laying of hands. The word of God will be taught with such power and conviction until people will be running, saying what must I do to be saved?

God has created us in His image, He's waiting for us to pursue Him, and walk in agreement with His word. Miracles, signs and wonders didn't diminish with the Apostles. God anointed them and He will anoint us if we seek and believe as they did. Make it your purpose to believe the word of God, those that know God will do great exploits!

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