

**9-26-21 Message**  
**RESTORING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE**

**Intro:**

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Genesis 1:2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness [was] upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

Here we have the foundation of all moral ethic..

The foundation of all knowledge..

The foundation of all reality..

In the Beginning God!

When Job and his three friends philosophized about God and his works and doings and why he allowed this or that or caused this or that.. God stepped into the conversation and said this to Job...

Job 38:2 Who [is] this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge?

Job 38:3 Gird up now thy loins like a man; for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.

Job 38:4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? declare, if thou hast understanding.

Job 38:5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? or who hath stretched the line upon it?

Imagine, men questioning God.

Imagine, these frail creatures rebelling against their creator..

God's finger print is everywhere.. But the height of his creation was the creation of man. When God made man he made man like himself.

**I. WHAT IS THE IMAGE OF GOD IN MAN?**

The Lord said,

Genesis 1:26 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.

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.

Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

God took of his spirit and made man..

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 soul.

**A. THE IMAGE OF GOD IN MAN IS THAT HE IS MADE IN THREE PART BEING GOD'S IMAGE IN MAN IS REFLECTED IN HIS CONSTITUENT PARTS**

When God made man .. He Made him Spirit Soul And Body

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 soul.

Man is made up of

**Spirit**  
**Soul**  
**Body**

These three constituent parts of man should be in harmony and subjection one to another..

GOD MADE MAN TO BE IN HIS IMAGE...

It was the Spirit of man that made him different than all the other creatures of creation ..

Job 32:8 But [there is] a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.

When God made the first man Adam he received his spirit from God..  
When God made the first woman Eve she received her body from Adam

The Spirit is to the Soul what the Soul is to the Body..  
Often the word heart is used to describe a person's Spirit..

In Genesis 2:7 we read about the 3 constituent parts of man. His body was made from the dust of the ground, his spirit came from God and he himself, his personality, mind,

ability to reason and think was his living soul. So in this verse we read about how God made man Spirit, Soul, and Body in his image.

## **B. THE IMAGE OF GOD IN MAN ALSO INVOLVES THE FAMILY MAKE UP**

Then later in Genesis we read how God made a woman, and she was taken from man. Adam and his wife were one flesh, and God and Adam were one in spirit.

So the family I believe is also made in the image of God. Because when God made man he said, "Male and Female made He them..

Genesis 1:26 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.

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.

I believe the image of God can be seen in the way he made a family..

The Image of God in Fathers (Husband)

The Image of God in Mothers (Wives)

The Image of God in Children

The image of God can be seen in the way God made us individually..

The image of God should be reflected in the way a family operates..

When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, he said address God as your heavenly Father.

Now throughout Scripture references are made to the priority of the father image in the family. The importance of wives giving proper respect and reverence to their husbands, and the importance of children being submissive to their parents.

Therefore, we can say that God is the creator and the head of all things and wants man to submit to his headship and leadership. The husband of the family is to submit to God and then he is to be the head of his family on earth. Which is to be a reflection of God. Man is made in the image of God and is ordained to take dominion and rule over his family. The wife is made as a help meet to the man and should be under his headship. The children are to be in submission to their parents and honour them. This is the command and will of God himself.

Now Satan came and possessed the serpent who became his messenger, and deceived the woman into rebelling against God's command, and the man followed the woman and obeyed her voice and ate of the fruit.

Here we see the first perversion of the order that God ordained and it brought death to the world.

## **II. HOW DID THE IMAGE OF GOD GET BROKEN?**

***In Adam Man's Spiritual Union With God Was Broken and That Affected Everything, Adam and his family and children.. Death passed upon all men..***

### **1. IN ADAM WE ARE DEAD IN SPIRIT**

Adam and God were united in Spirit and when he sinned immediately he and God were separated spiritually, and he entered into a state of confusion and rebellion.

His soul and Body were thrust into confusion and rebellion against God.

Man was created to be a spiritual person, and to be ruled by the spirit.

When he was given to sin, he became a carnal minded person, and the spirit was dead.

Salvation is when we are brought back into a proper relationship with our creator and our spirits are made alive.

Paul gives a perfect illustration and analogy of this.

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

I Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.

Romans 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Adam we are all born spiritually dead, in rebellion against God. In confusion, there is disorder and wickedness and rebellion against God.

We all get our Body and Soul from Adam. That Body and soul is born separated from God and in a state of rebellion against its creator.

What is the soul?

It is your seat of reason,  
It is your person, personality, Emotions, Will..  
Adam became a living soul.. and  
then he begot Cain he became a living soul  
The he begot Abel who became a living soul..

In Adam we inherit a sinful and tainted body and soul...

### **III. HOW IS THE IMAGE OF GOD RESTORED?**

In Christ we receive a new spirit..

***I Corinthians 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam [was made] a quickening spirit.***

Now in Christ we are made alive unto God.

In Adam we are dead in our sins..

In Adam we are controlled by our souls and flesh apart from the spirit of God.

We do as we think... and reason.. We define good and evil based on what we think is good and evil.

#### **1. In Christ We Can Be Controlled and Lead by the spirit**

In Christ we now can walk in the spirit and not in the flesh.

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Romans 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Romans 8:10 And if Christ [be] in you, the body [is] dead because of sin; but the Spirit [is] life because of righteousness.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Romans 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Salvation gives us new life and a new mind, we now can live unto God.

We now can serve God..

We now can understand what please God.

The Spirit of God now gives us New Life..

The Spirit of God gives us a New mind..

The Spirit of God allows us to communicate with God.

#### **IV. WHY ARE CHRISTIANS NOT DISPLAYING THE IMAGE OF GOD TO THE WORLD?**

##### **1. The First Reason May be That They have Not the Spirit of God And Are not Really Born Again..**

You can't walk in the spirit if you do not have the spirit of God in your life...

Now this I can say and I believe.. that God wants everyone to be saved and be a participant in receiving this free gift of new life through his Spirit!

Luke 11:11 If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if [he ask] a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Luke 11:12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

Luke 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

This I can say that Christ wants to draw all men to himself.

John 12:32 And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all [men] unto me.

Now this is true, that no man can be saved until they know they are lost and in need of salvation. Jesus said this to the Pharisees who thought they were ok.. He said he came to give sight to the blind. But the pharisees said they were not blind, but yet they were, so the Lord said, they were yet in their sins and there was no hope for them!

John 9:38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him.

John 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind.

John 9:40 And [some] of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also?

John 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

If you are not saved, you do not have the spirit of Christ, you are in the flesh, and even being in the flesh, you can counterfeit spirituality but not completely. So the first step in salvation is to recognize there is something lacking in your life.

II Corinthians 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

**CONSIDER the evidences that you have the spirit of God.**

**A. YOU WILL HAVE A DESIRE FOR THE WORD OF GOD...**

I Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

**B. YOU WILL HAVE A LOVE FOR THE BRETHREN..**

I John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not [his] brother abideth in death.

**C. YOU WILL HAVE COMMUNION WITH GOD IN PRAYER..**

Romans 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

**D. WE WILL HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST AND AGREE WITH THE BIBLE WHEN TAUGHT**

I Corinthians 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

I Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

I Corinthians 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

I Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.

I Corinthians 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

I Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

**E. WE WILL HAVE A HEART FOR THE LOST AND WANT TO SEE PEOPLE SAVED**

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Romans 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,

Romans 9:2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.

Romans 9:3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:

**F. YOU CANNOT BE COMFORTABLE IN SIN IF YOUR SAVED..**

I Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

I Corinthians 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

I Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Galatians 5:16 [This] I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

**2. SECONDLY A CARNAL CHRISTIAN WHO IS WALKING IN THE FLESH WILL NOT MANIFEST THE IMAGE OF GOD AS HE SHOULD..**

**AS CHRISTIANS WE NEED TO REALIZE THAT ANYTHING WE DO IN THE FLESH.. OR IN OUR OLD ADAMIC NATURE CANNOT PLEASE GOD.. IN FACT THESE ARE THE ENEMIES OF GOD...**

Now the confusing thing about all this, is that every Christian bears in their lives the remnants of the flesh. As long as we are in this body, we can sin, and we carry with us the adamic nature. This is why the Bible says we need to crucify the flesh.

How can we discern between the carnal christian and the tare who just thinks they're a Christian? Only God and that person can make that discernment. Even sometimes the angels in heaven get a bit confused.

THIS IS THE SPIRITUAL WAR AND CONFLICT THAT RAGES..

Romans 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace.

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Romans 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

There is a war raging in our own bodies.. it is a battle between the flesh and the spirit.

The carnal mind is enmity against God.



THIS IS QUITE A STATEMENT..

I wonder how many things we do in the flesh .. that Jesus would have to say to us when we do these things.. he would have to say..

GET BEHIND ME SATAN!!!

Why is it when we say we love God we do things to fight against God when we allow ourselves to be controlled by the flesh?

***IF YOU WANT TO RESTORE THE IMAGE OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE YOU WILL NEED AVOID FEEDING THE FLESH...***

What you feed will lead.. Need to starve the adamic nature and flesh.

As long as we are in this earthly body, there will be a battle that is raging in each of us. The carnal, fleshly, old man, old mind, will seek to dominate our lives.

It is reported that people who are starving feel hunger pains for about the first so many weeks but after a certain period of time the hunger pains and desire for food goes away.

So it is that if you starve your earthly desires long enough those desires will go away.

***A. DON'T MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THE FLESH.. DON'T FEED THE FLESH..***

Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to [fulfil] the lusts [thereof].

How is it that a person that is seeking to quit smoking will keep an extra pack of cigarettes stashed away just in case..

One person who was seeking to get sober, decided to rent an apartment on top of a bar. How do you think that went?

***a. Flee Temptations Avoid Them..***

I Corinthians 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

I Corinthians 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

I Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

I Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

Remember Joseph in the Bible..

***b. Separate Yourself From People Who Will Drag you Down..***

II Corinthians 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

II Corinthians 6:15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

II Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean [thing]; and I will receive you,

***c. Every Temptation Starts With A Wrong Thought..***

Wrong thinking leads to wrong actions..

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so [is] he:...

II Corinthians 10:4 (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

II Corinthians 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

II Corinthians 10:6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

***3. THIRDLY TO RESTORE THE IMAGE OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE YOU NEED TO FEED THE SPIRIT OF GOD YOUR LIFE?***

***THE WORLD IS IN CONFUSION BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST..***

We as Christians should seek to get our lives in order.. if we are indeed his..

How do we do this?

***A. LET US BE SUBJECT TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD AND NOT THE FLESH***

The flesh will produce a life that is out of control... and disorderly..

The Spirit of God will put our lives back in order..

**V. IF WE FEED THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN OUR LIVES WE WILL SHOW FORTH THE IMAGE OF GOD IN OUR LIVES AS WE SHOULD...**

***We need to walk in the spirit and not feed the flesh..***

If the carnal mind is an enemy of God..

If walking in the flesh is helping and abating the enemy (the devil)

It is our Sacred duty to submit our lives to the spirit and not the flesh.

Galatians 5:16 [This] I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Galatians 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are [these]; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

**1. WHAT IS THE FIRST STEP IN RESTORING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN OUR LIVES?**

How do we feed the spirit?

***WE FEED THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN OUR LIVES BY BEING INVOLVED IN SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES***

**A. MEDITATING IN THE WORD OF GOD IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY..**

Psalms 1:1 Blessed [is] the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Psalms 1:2 But his delight [is] in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Psalms 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

***B. ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES***

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

***C. SPENDING TIME IN COMMUNION WITH GOD IN PRAYER..***

I Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

I Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

I Timothy 2:8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

#### ***D. WALKING AND PRODUCING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT***

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Galatians 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Galatians 5:26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

#### ***VI. ONCE THE IMAGE OF GOD IS RESTORED IN OUR LIVES GOD'S PRINCIPLES OF HEADSHIP WILL BE EVIDENT IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES AND FAMILIES***

I Corinthians 14:33 For God is not [the author] of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

I Corinthians 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

God is the creator, and there is order in his creation. Look at the stars, the sun, the moon, all things that he created. There is an order to creation. That order has not changed. The question is why is it that Christians cannot see this divine order? How is it that those who have the spirit of God cannot see they are walking disorderly?

##### ***1. There are only two possibilities.***

###### ***A. They are either not really his, and have not the spirit of God..***

or

###### ***B. They are carnal and babes in Christ and lack discernment.***

Maybe it is a combination of both? I am not sure but all I can tell you is the way God in His world ordained for things to work.

## **2. God ordained that we as Individual Christians be controlled and led of the Spirit of God**

The Carnal Christian is not an asset to the Kingdom of God but sows confusion in this world. Jesus said,

I Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak [this] to your shame.

I Corinthians 6:1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?

I Corinthians 6:2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?

I Corinthians 6:3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

I Corinthians 6:4 If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

I Corinthians 6:5 I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren?

I Corinthians 6:6 But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers.

I Corinthians 6:7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather [suffer yourselves to] be defrauded?

God wants Christians to walk in the spirit and be led of the spirit of God!

A. This involves, subjecting our bodies to the leading and prompting of the Holy Spirit of God

B. This involves, putting off the works of the flesh and walking in the spirit and producing the fruit of the spirit...

## **3. GOD DESIRES THAT CHRISTIANS HAVE SPIRIT FILLED FAMILIES THAT MANIFEST THE PATTERN OF THE IMAGE OF GOD IN THEM..**

This involves a husband that is submitted to God's headship and leadership.. and a wife who is submissive to her husband..

The husband needs to be the leader of the home, the wife needs to be submissive.

Ephesians 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

Ephesians 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in every thing.

This involves children who are under subjection to their parents..

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

Ephesians 6:3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

#### **4. THIS INVOLVES A CHURCH THAT IS FOLLOWING THE PATTERN OF HEADSHIP IN THE AREA OF LEADERSHIP...**

I Timothy 2:12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

I Timothy 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

I Timothy 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

I Timothy 2:15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

I Timothy 3:1 This [is] a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

I Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

I Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman [is] the man; and the head of Christ [is] God.

Paul did not even want to argue about this:

I Corinthians 11:16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

I Corinthians 14:32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

I Corinthians 14:33 For God is not [the author] of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

I Corinthians 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but [they are commanded] to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

I Corinthians 14:35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

I Corinthians 14:36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?

I Corinthians 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

Why is this the case? The reason is that God is our creator, and in all places it would make sense that in the church of God we should know how God ordained the image of God to be manifest to others. Through out the Scripture God has made it clear and especially in his church or assembly that his men were to represent him properly.. Images or spiritual pictures are very important to God.

## **THE WORD IMAGE MEANS**

6754 tselem, tseh'-lem; from an unused root mean. to shade; a phantom, i.e. (fig.) illusion, resemblance; hence a representative figure, espec. an idol:-image, vain shew.

THAT WHICH IS REAL IS THAT WHICH DOES NOT CHANGE.. WE ARE NOT REAL.. WE ARE AN ILLUSION.. GOD IS REAL SPIRIT IS REAL.. THE ANGELIC WORLD IS REAL..

Our job is to represent God Properly.

Think about the examples God gave in his word about men that broke his ordained and revealed pictures in his word.

Consider:

**MOSES STRUCK THE ROCK.. HE BROKE THE PICTURE**

**UZZAH TOUCHED THE ARK AND WAS STRUCK DEAD BECAUSE HE BROKE A PICTURE..**

**NADAB AND ABIHU Broke a spiritual picture and were punished.. Remember they offered strange fire..**

LEV 10:1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

LEV 10:2 And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.

How much more are we breaking a spiritual picture, women being pastors breaks a picture. Today we have so many pictures that are being desecrated..

LEV 21:17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever [he be] of thy seed in their generations that hath [any] blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God.

LEV 21:18 For whatsoever man [he be] that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or

any thing superfluous,

LEV 21:19 Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded,

LEV 21:20 Or crookbacked, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken;

LEV 21:21 No man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God.

LEV 21:22 He shall eat the bread of his God, [both] of the most holy, and of the holy.

LEV 21:23 Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I the LORD do sanctify them.

Pictures are very important to the Lord..

The idea of evolution destroys the idea that God made man in His image..

In the New Testament.. the qualifications for a pastor are clear..

I Timothy 3:1 This [is] a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

I Timothy 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

I Timothy 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

I Timothy 3:4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

I Timothy 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

I Timothy 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

I Timothy 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Why these qualifications, it is because that the under shepherd needs to be a picture of the great shepherd, Jesus. Just like the priest was to be a reflection of our High priest Jesus who was to be without blemish.

**5. I BELIEVE THAT A GODLY GOVERNMENT SHOULD FOLLOW THE BIBLICAL PATTERN OF HEADSHIP TO BE BLESSED OF GOD..**

Listen to what the Lord said to the nation Israel concerning bad leadership:



Isaiah 3:11 Woe unto the wicked! [it shall be] ill [with him]: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

Isaiah 3:12 [As for] my people, children [are] their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause [thee] to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

Historically whenever a woman was made the leader of the nation Israel, she was a wicked leader..

There was not one time in Israel's history that when a woman usurped authority it was good for the nation..

ATHALIAH: We can think of Athaliah, she usurped the throne and to get her position she had to kill her own children..

Jezebel: Do we need to say anything about Jezebel and her wickedness...

I Kings 21:25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

There is not one time in the Bible when a woman usurped authority in the church that it was a good thing.

***Revelation 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.***

Now this is not to say that women were not greatly used in the Bible nor is it to say they are second rate citizens in the Kingdom.

***I Corinthians 11:11 Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord.***

***I Corinthians 11:12 For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.***

Could we fail to mention Ruth, Esther, Pricilla, and all the women mentioned in the New Testament? Yet none of them usurped authority or sought a position of ruler ship or desecrated the biblical image that God intended in the order of creation and headship.

Now the argument that many give is this verse:

***Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.***

***Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.***

If you read the context of this verse this is talking about who is eligible to be recipients of his Holy Spirit and salvation. It has nothing to do with who is qualified to be the head or leaders of his church.

Now this misunderstanding that has crept into the church is what has led our whole nation in chaos, and is what has led to a breakdown of the sexes, leading into the sexual revolution, and now the homosexual and transgender revolution. I believe it is the church's fault that this breakdown has occurred. We want to stop the LGBTQ movement but we do not see where the root of this movement started. It started when men and women started changing roles in society.

What has happened is the church has lost its voice on these matters. Here is what John Knox says about breaking this pattern of leadership and headship..

***The Empire of Women is Subversive of Good Order, Equity and Justice***

In the natural body of man, God has appointed an order that the head shall occupy the uppermost place; and the head he has joined with the body, that from it life and motion do flow to the rest of the members. In it he has placed the eye to see, the ear to hear, and the tongue to speak, which offices are appointed to none other member of the body. The rest of the members have every one their own place and office appointed, but none may have neither the place nor office of the head. For who would not judge that body to be a monster, where there was no head eminent above the rest, but that the eyes were in the hands, the tongue and the mouth beneath in the belly, and the ears in the feet? Men, I say, should not only pronounce this body to be a monster, but assuredly they might conclude that such a body could not long endure. And no less monstrous is the body of that commonwealth where a woman bears empire; for either it does lack a lawful head (as in very deed it does), or else there is an idol exalted in the place of the true head.

The more that I consider the subversion of God's order, which he has placed generally in all living things, the more I do wonder at the blindness of man, who does not consider himself in this case so degenerate, that the brute beasts are to be preferred unto him in this behalf. For nature has in all beasts printed a certain mark of dominion in the male, and a certain subjection in the female, which they keep inviolate. For no man ever saw the lion make obedience, and stoop before the lioness; neither yet can it be proved that the hind takes the conducting of the herd amongst the harts. And yet (alas!) man, who by the mouth of God has dominion appointed to him over woman, does not only to his own shame stoop under the obedience of women, but also, in despite of God and of his appointed order, rejoices and maintains that monstrous authority as a thing lawful and just.

The insolent joy, the bonfires and banqueting, which were in London, and elsewhere in England, when that cursed Jezebel was proclaimed queen.

The battle between John Knox and Mary Queen of Scots was one of the most fascinating tussles between two strong characters in Scotland's history, and it was a religious war in which Knox would eventually end up as the winner. Today the church is not the winner on this issue, but the church has lost it's voice in this matter. So today there is a perversion of the image of God in every element of society and the pulpit is silent on the issue for fear of offending people and losing people when the truth is preached.

Notice what the Apostle Paul said about this issue:

***1 Corinthians 11:16 But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.***

***1 Corinthians 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but [they are commanded] to be under obedience, as also saith the law.***

***1 Corinthians 14:35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.***

***1 Corinthians 14:36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?***

***1 Corinthians 14:37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.***

***1 Corinthians 14:38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.***

Paul said, this is so basic, that he does not even want to argue the issue. But today we have wholesale went along with the world on this issue and we find ourselves arguing about homosexuality, transgender issues and abortion. The root of all these issues is the desecration of the image of God and the role of men women and children in that society. Everything else proceeds from this issue.

If a woman can be the head, this will lead to men who are effeminate, children who are rebellious, women who lack natural affection and think they can choose whether or not to have a baby. On and On it will go, one perversion after another.

### **IN CONCLUSION:**

There can be no agreement with the flesh..

The world has a completely different mindset about who we are .. where we came from, what defines right and wrong. Why is it as Christians we would think we can go along with this and receive God's blessings.

God created us in his image..

Sin had marred that image and mankind has gone into rebellion against God..  
God is seeking to restore man to himself.  
Once we are saved and restored, God calls us to submit to his spirit

That idea that we are a biological result of chance has destroyed homes, our moral fabric, so much more.. It is affected the way we see the role of men and women and children in society.

If it is by chance, than maybe morality can be redefined

Why does this even have to be argued in the church of Jesus Christ today? It has to be argued because the church has wholesale bent to the world on this issue, in fear of offending the world.

Marriage roles can be redefined..  
Etc.,... Everything is up for grabs..  
Leadership in our homes and communities is redefined..

Even when people say they reject evolution and believe in creation.. that world has so brain washed them .. that most people today have a mixture of both..

While not so foolish to deny the existence of God.. many people today have a mixture of both.. they seem to think God used the elements of evolution to bring about man on earth..

With such a philosophy and mindset it is nearly impossible to be godly..  
What is the byproduct of this desecration of the image of God in man?

- A. A rejection of Biblical morality**
- B. A rejection of the roles of men and women..**
- C. A rejection of traditional family values..**
- D. A rejection of male leadership in the homes and government..**
- E. A rejection of Christ and his place in their lives**

The world is in confusion because they have rejected God as their creator.. this is producing a world of strife, divisions, hatred..

WE NEED TO MANIFEST TO THE WORLD OUR UNITY WITH GOD AND THE BENEFITS OF IT..

I Timothy 4:15 Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

Think about this..

INVITATION:

Are you restored in Spirit ... between God and your creator?  
Are you one with him?  
Is he first place in your life??  
This is the essence of salvation

IS HE FIRST PLACE IN OUR LIFE???

***Are you walking in the spirit.. and crucifying the flesh and the lust thereof?***

This is why God made you ..

This is how we are to live..

The devil promised Eve life, instead she plunged the whole world into death and misery.. In Christ we can be restored if we walk in the spirit.

**THE REPERCUSSION OF BREAKING THE IMAGE OF GOD IN OUR FAMILIES  
EVENING SERVICE**

**I. THE FIRST REPERCUSSION WAS THAT MEN APPEARED NAKED BEFORE GOD..**

Genesis 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where [art] thou?

Genesis 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I [was] naked; and I hid myself.

Genesis 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou [wast] naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

There was a realization of their nakedness before God..

Adam was clothed in spirit before the fall..

**II. THE WHOLE CREATION WAS AFFECTED NEGATIVELY**

Genesis 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest [to be] with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What [is] this [that] thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

Genesis 3:14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou [art] cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Creation was affected terribly.

Not only with the serpent but many other species of animals became violent and cruel..

Lions, Asps, Crocodiles, serpents.. etc..

Prediction that the same woman that the serpent used to get to him would some day bring forth a child who would destroy him

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

**III. THE WOMAN WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN TWO GREAT AREAS OF WOMANHOOD**

**1. THE BLESSING OF HAVING CHILDREN WOULD NOW BE ACCOMPANIED WITH GREAT PAIN AND SORROW**

## 2. **THE BLESSING OF BEING A WIFE TO HER HUSBAND WOULD CARRY WITH IT THE STRAIN OF BEING HIS SUBORDINATE**

it is remarked by naturalists {d}, that women bring forth their young with more pain than any other creature:

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Two curses.. pain of child birth ..

Multiply conceptions.. possibility to get pregnant every month rather than yearly like most of God's creatures..

Subordination

Genesis 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire [shall be] to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Desire...

Genesis 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee [shall be] his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

Concept is that desire.. carries with it

***As the woman tends toward rebellion, the man tends towards despotism. And you have the battle of the sexes right here. That's why there's conflict in marriage. And there is conflict in marriage; no question about it. Her desire is "teshuquh, teshuquh." Doesn't mean sexual desire; she already had that before the fall. It's the desire to get her way. And it even shows up, sad to say, in places where it shouldn't show up. Paul is writing to Timothy in the church in Ephesus, and he says: "I permit not a woman to teach nor to" -- what? "Usurp authority." Because that's a tendency.***

***Now to show you an illustration of this, look over in the fourth chapter of Genesis and Verse 7. Here is the only other use of the word "teshuquh," desire, in the Pentateuch, in the five books of Moses, the only other place it's used. And it is in a phrase that is an exact duplication of the phrase at the end of Verse 16. The phrase is in Genesis 4 Verse 7. Pick it up in the middle of the verse. This is the Lord speaking to Cain. "Sin is crouching at***

*the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it." Fifteen verses away from Genesis 3:16 is Genesis 4:7, and you have an exact duplication of those phrases. "Your desire shall be for your husband; and he shall rule over you." Sin's "desire is for you, but you must master it." The same phrases. The construction is absolutely identical. We learned in studying the Bible that when you have identical terms and identical construction in close proximity, they mean the same thing or they express the same concept.*

*What is it saying in Chapter 4 Verse 7? The Lord is speaking to Cain. He says: Sin desires you. What does that mean? Sin wants to control you. Sin wants to dominate you. Sin wants to take over your life. "But you must master it." You must rule over it. It's the very same expression. The woman desires to control the man and he rules over her.*

2 Interpretations of this verse

1. **THE WOMAN'S DESIRE IS TO MANIPULATE AND CONTROL HER HUSBAND**
2. **THE WOMAN'S DESIRE TOWARDS HER HUSBAND IS A DESIRE THAT WILL BE DISAPPOINTED.. BECAUSE OF HIS SIN NATURE**

One woman writes..

*The word for "desire" in Genesis 3:16 can mean craving or longing. The issue is best understood if we make the simple substitution of God for her husband. Her desire SHOULD BE for her God. Instead, her desire/craving/longing is misplaced. The curse is not that women want to dominate the men in their lives. Women's problem is that they worship the men in their lives and look to them for affirmation and provision emotionally and spiritually for things that God alone is supposed to provide. Their problem is IDOLATRY.*

*We looked to men to meet a need they couldn't meet-emotionally, spiritually, physically. And instead of recognizing our sovereign, compassionate, and wise Father in heaven as the place to which we should have looked, we started looking within ourselves once the men in our lives disappointed us.*

#### **IV. THE REPERCUSSIONS FOR ADAM**

Genesis 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed [is] the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat [of] it all the days of thy life;



Genesis 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.

Difficulties of making a living..

Thorns thistles.. difficulties

Sweat of thy face..

Told my children if you want to make a living just be willing to do what others do not want to do or can't do for themselves and are willing to pay you to do..

Illust. Musicians.. Sports.. etc..

Everyone wants to play music to make a living..

But even in this regard.. most people want you to pay

**V. *Adam gave his wife her name and so it is today that a woman gets her name from her husband***

Genesis 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

**VI. *THERE IS HOPE FOR ADAM AND EVE.. IN REDEMPTION AND ATONEMENT CHRIST WOULD BE THE LAMB WHO WOULD TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS***

Genesis 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

**VII. *THERE IS A SEPARATION FROM GOD BECAUSE OF SIN***

Genesis 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Genesis 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Genesis 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

## UNDERSTANDING THE WAY GOD DESIGNED MAN TO BE IN HIS IMAGE

### **III. SIN IS WHEN A MAN DESECRATES AND MARS THE UNITY THAT SHOULD BE BETWEEN HIS SPIRIT AND GOD'S SPIRIT..**

WE ALL WONDER.. WHAT WAS SO BAD ABOUT EATING A LITTLE FRUIT FROM A TREE IN THE MIDST OF THE GARDEN...

All sin is a breaking of the image of God in man..

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Genesis 3:2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which [is] in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree [was] good for food, and that it [was] pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make [one] wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they [were] naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

When Adam and Eve sinned, their spiritual unity with God was severed and the picture of the unity between them and God was desecrated ..

THIS IS THE ESSENCE OF SIN...

We think of sin as a big long list of do's and don'ts

NO ALL THAT SIN IS .. IS A VIOLATION OF LOVE AND TRUST BETWEEN US AND OUR GOD..

Our actions are a symptoms of that violation...

ALL THE COMMANDMENTS ARE WRAPPED UP IN THIS..  
LOVE GOD .... 1st..

Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Matthew 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

Matthew 22:39 And the second [is] like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

Matthew 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The New Covenant is to get the love of God back in our hearts..

#### ***IV. EVERY SIN WE COMMIT IS A DESECRATION OF THE LOVE AND UNITY WE SHOULD HAVE WITH OUR LORD...***

1. The first sin when Satan alienated Eve's mind.. from God..
2. The second sin was when Adam followed Eve in the transgression

II Corinthians 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present [you as] a chaste virgin to Christ.

II Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

What is that simplicity.. LOVE GOD FIRST.. PUT HIM FIRST...

When you don't put Christ first.. the unity in your spiritual relationship is broken...

It is looked upon a spiritual adultery..

PAUL USES THIS SPIRITUAL UNITY AS A REASON WHY PHYSICAL ADULTERY IS WRONG

NOTE: THE REASON WE HAVE MARITAL PROBLEMS.. IMMORALITY PROBLEMS TODAY IS BECAUSE WE HAVE A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WHO REFUSE TO PUT GOD FIRST..

I Corinthians 6:15 Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make [them] the members of an harlot? God forbid.

I Corinthians 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

I Corinthians 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Greatest break up of homes today is the sin of immorality..

This sin alienates the love and trust that a man and woman have for each other

Immorality alienates husbands and wives..

So often .. even pornography has caused this in the home..

Husbands expect their wives to put them first in their physical union

Wives expect husbands to be faithful to them in their physical union..

WHY... BECAUSE OF THE IMAGE OF GOD.. ESTABLISHED GOD'S CREATION OF MAN

***V. THE GREATEST PICTURE OF LOVE AND FORGIVENESS IS FOUND IN CHRIST WHEN HE SACRIFICED TO SHOW HIS LOVE FOR US...***

I Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost [which is] in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? I Corinthians 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

We all have strayed from God and sinned..

We all have put other things before God..

We all have broken this picture.. the image that we are suppose to portray

Sin has broken and maimed our lives..

These sins have alienated us from God..

These sins have made our lives hard..

These sins.. have hurt and maimed us..

Bringing sickness..

Bringing hardships

Bringing sorrows..

How is the love of God manifest?

Jesus came and bore our sins took our sorrows upon himself..

What greater love could be shown?

What greater sacrifice could be made?

Romans 5:7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Christ died for us.. while we were running from him  
Christ died for us.. while we were violating his will disobedient  
Christ died for us.. when we were putting ourselves first and not him..

What greater love could be shown?

Salvation is when we receive that love.. and then are re-united in spirit with him and put him first place in our hearts

We are restored  
The image is repaired  
We become one in spirit with him ..  
We become his spiritual bride..

Now from the heart we do not find it hard to put him first.

I John 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins.

I John 4:19 We love him, because he first loved us.