

Genesis: "Made in the Image of God"  
Genesis 1:26-31

*"We need a transformation of mind and heart so that God ceases to be a planet circling the sun of humanity and becomes the massive, blazing, glorious sun at the center of the solar system of all things. God becomes supreme reality. His being becomes the supreme worth and treasure of the universe."  
(John Piper) [cf Romans 12:2]*

- What does it mean that we are made in *"the image of God"*?
  - It means that we are of the highest value of all God's creation (*Genesis 9:6*; Matthew 6:26; Luke 12:24; Romans 5:8). Therefore leading to the importance of the Great Commission (*Matthew 28:18-20*) and the Great Commandment (Mark 12:30-31).
    - But because of sin, we curse image bearers instead of blessing them (James 3:9); we kill image bearers instead of respecting them (Genesis 9:6); and we are partial and dishonoring towards certain image bearers instead of loving all men (James 2:8-9).
    - But through the work of Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit, we can be renewed back into the image of God we displayed before the fall (*Colossians 3:10*; 2 Corinthians 3:18).
  - It means that we can display the *"Communicable Attributes of God"*.
    - The *"Incommunicable Attributes"* are the attributes of God that cannot be shared with His creation, His God-ness (Omnipotent/All-Powerful; Omnipresent; Omniscient/All-Knowing; Sovereign; Transcendent/Unknowable; Immutable/Never-changing; Self-existent/Needs nothing outside of Himself).
    - The *"Communicable Attributes"* are the attributes of God that God shares with His creatures; such as holiness, love, righteousness, faithfulness, mercy, grace, joy, peace, patience, goodness, gentleness, and Christlikeness.

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law." (Galatians 5:22-23) "For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 1:5-8) "Whoever says he abides in Him (Jesus) ought to walk in the same way He walked." (1 John 2:6) "But as He who called you is holy, be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:15-16)*

- We bear the *"Image of God"* in our intelligence, problem solving, will, rational communication, and the ability to educate others, which makes us distinct from animals.
- We have the opportunity to display the *"Image of God"* in our interactions with the rest of creation...
  - As we have dominion over animals (care for and steward) we show the *"Image of God"*. In Adam's case, he named them (Genesis 2:19-20). (8,700 types of birds and 5,500 types of mammals.)
  - As we work for God's glory (accountability/responsibility) we show the *"Image of God"* in our interactions with one another and the task we have been given. Adam showed this by working and keeping the garden (Genesis 2:5 & 15).

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**Worship:** So I Will Trust You (Sovereign Grace Music) O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer (Sovereign Grace Music)  
Tis So Sweet (Various Artists) **Closing Song:** It Is Well (Sovereign Grace Music)

**Service Times:** Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;  
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- We show the *“Image of God”* as we have dominion over our children and raise them in the “discipline and instruction of the Lord”, (Ephesians 6:4) desiring for them to bear the *“Image of God”*. Adam and Eve were commanded by God “to be fruitful and multiply” and fill the earth full of *“Image bearers”* (Genesis 1:28).
  - A husband having dominion over his wife shows the *“Image of God”* as he loves his wife as Christ loves the church (Ephesians 5:25-33) by leading, protecting, and providing. We see this in the “first marriage” in the garden (Genesis 2:20-25).
  - Adam showed love for God and dominion over his will by submitting to God’s Word and continuing to be an *“Image Bearer”* of God (Genesis 2:16-17).
  - We show the *“Image of God”* by sharing the gospel (Matthew 28:18-20) in an act of grace, love, and mercy. We are an extension of these attributes from God.
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#### **Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of March we are collecting monetary donations for the Lamb Family. They are one of the missionary families that we financially support as a church. They work through Wycliffe Bible Translators, and they currently live in Papua New Guinea, where David Lamb is working with a team to translate the Bible into the multiple languages of the people of Papua New Guinea. Please put your monetary donations into the container beside the offering box! You can also give your donations through Venmo or online, directly to the Lambs.

★**CHILDREN’S CATECHISM CLASS:** As announced at our February Business meeting, we will be having a Children’s Catechism Class in the near future! There is a sign-up list on the back table for those parents who are interested in participating in this. Once we have an idea of the number of those who are interested, we will get the time and place scheduled. Child care will be offered!

★**CHURCH DAY OF PRAYER:** Also, as announced at our February Business meeting, we are having our monthly day of prayer as a church body on Wednesday, March 23rd. This is a day when we are asking the members of this church body to spend time praying specifically for our leaders and the ministries within this church. If you have a specific prayer request that you would like for your Elders to be praying for on that day, please text Pastor Jeremey your prayer request and he will pass these requests on to the Elders.

★**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:** On Sunday, March 27th, we will be celebrating our 5th Anniversary as a church. This is a great opportunity to invite guests to attend. We will have a fellowship dinner following that service.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** TONIGHT, immediately following the worship service, we are having a Fellowship Dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!