

The Image of God.

What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

When God created man, man was continually in a state of communion and worship with God. Man's flesh and spirit were one. Then, God created Eve, so man could experience in the flesh with Eve, that which he experienced in the spirit with God: Love. Yet, man would fall, and a separation occurred. Every mention of the fall, or of the death of man (spirit), was more speaking on the separation of spirit from flesh; though, this is not a physical separation, but a conscious one. When man begins to see the good and evil, he begins the conscious and subconscious division of all that he sees, thinks, and experiences. We become judges of all that we see.

Our link to God is by our spirit. There is nowhere we can go where God is not. So, to see God we must first learn to see our spirit, and see with our spirit. Yet, we do not see because we tend to think of us and our spirits as two separate things, when in reality they are one. To truly find God, we must first find ourselves.

God is present all the time, we just do not recognize him without the eyes of our spirit.

There is no where we can go where God is not. There is no when we can be where God is not. God encompasses and experiences all time. We, on the other hand, are anchored to time by one finite point, the present. We often find ourselves focused on the future, or dwelling in the past. For this, we must learn to live in the now if we are to find ourselves, for now is where we are.

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, which is why its called the present." Kung Fu Panda

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." Matthew 6:34 NIV

So, what is the image of God?

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him." 1 John 4:16

God is love.

We were created in the image of God in an experiential, and/or existential sense, more than we were in a physical sense. As such, to truly see the image of God, we can look no further than Jesus. Everything he did, he did in the present moment. At every moment he was immediately and immanently available to everyone around him. Most importantly, Jesus was love. He displayed the qualities of love to everyone around him, in the moment, and without judgment. He exhibited the image of God. God is Love. He was God.

The image of God is love.

Love is God.

There are those who genuinely live without the knowledge or experience of real love. I don't know what love is, as it is defined by our scholars and dictionaries. Love, to me, is a daily act, a daily process of sacrificing yourself for the good of others, or to put others and their needs before yourself, and your own.

I do my best to try and live my life in this mindset. I believe that if every Christian were to live, or even think in this fashion, then true chivalry may not ever die. We need our knights again. Men and women who wear the armor of God, exhibiting the image of God in all that they do. In this, the image of God will shine brightly for all the world to see.