

# Becoming like his image and his likeness

## What is the God's desire for us?

Gen 1:26-27 Then God said, "**Let us make man in our image, in our likeness**, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 **So God created man in his own image**, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (NIV)

## Image

Resemblance, , "a tool for graving" (from charasso, "to cut into, to engrave"; cf. Eng., "character," "characteristic"); then, "a stamp" or "impress," as on a coin or a seal, in which case the seal or die which makes an impression bears the "image" produced by it, and, vice versa, all the features of the "image" correspond respectively with those of the instrument producing it.

## LIKENESS

"to be like, resemble, be or act like, liken or compare, devise, balance or ponder "likeness; shape; figure; form; pattern." First, the word means "pattern," in the sense of the specifications from which an actual item is made:

Gen 5:1-4 **When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God.** 2 He created them male and female and blessed them. And when they were created, **he called them "man." (Adam)** 3 **When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.**

Ps 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness. (KJV)

Gen 9:6 "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man. (NIV)

## Of Jesus the scripture says

Heb 1:3-5 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and **the exact representation of his being**, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of

the Majesty in heaven. 4 So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. 5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? (NIV)

Col 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (NIV)

## 1 ) What is God's Plan for us?

Rom 8:29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; (NASU)

2 Cor 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. (NASU)

1 Cor 15:48-49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly. (NASU)

## 2 ) How do we become like him?

### 1. We purify our selves, no longer serve sin

1 John 3:2-3 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 3 **And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.** (NASU)

Rom 6:5-7 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, **that we should no longer be slaves to sin**— 7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. NIV

### 2. Renew your mind.

Rom 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will. NIV

### 3. Think upon good things

**Phil 4:4-9 Rejoice in the Lord always.** I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your **gentleness** be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 **Do not be anxious** about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with **thanksgiving**, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is **true**, whatever is noble, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable** — if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy** — think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — **put it into practice**. And the God of peace will be with you.  
NIV

Gal 5:19-25 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit (NIV)

### 3) Conclusion まとめ

**The things that we feed upon are the things we become like if we give our attention to the sinful nature we will produce those fruits. If we think upon the fruits of the Spirit we will be conformed to the image and likeness of God and Christ**