

God forbids the making of an image of Himself ^{equal of the Being}
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Col. 1:9-10; 3:1-10

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I. Man Created in the image of God

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B. Likeness of personality: intellect, emotion, ^{and will.}
C. Likeness of spirituality & immortality.
D. Likeness of righteousness & holiness.
E. Likeness of dominion & power.
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II. The Image of God lost in Eden by Sin.

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C. All Adam's sons born in sin. ^{Gen. 5:3}
1. Ps. 51 - "shapen in iniquity, in sin did my mother conceive me."
2. Rom. 5 - "by one man sin entered into the world"

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A. Christ is the Second Adam.
D. Heb. 1:3 - "the express image of His person." *
B. 2 Cor. 4:4 - Christ, who is the image of God.
C. Col. 1:15 - "who is the image of the invisible God."
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IV. The Image of God Renewed in Man through the Redemptive Work of Christ

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B. Col. 3:10 - "the new man, which is... renewed after the image of Him that created Him."
1. image of humility - 4. of sacrifice
2. of love. 3. of righteousness.
5. of glory. 2 Cor. 3:18 - changed into the same image with glory from glory to glory become like Him.
C. Gazing at Jesus, being occupied with His face.

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— Whose image & superscription is on
the coin of your life? —
the image of Christ, or
the image of Satan?

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 1:15

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1 Cor. 15:49 - the image of the man of dust... the man of heaven.

Like the man in Hawthorne's story, we should be gazing so steadfastly at the face of Jesus, until others notice that we are actually becoming like him.

Pick up a coin and note whose image and inscription you find on it.

Then consider your life as the coin of the heavenly realm. Whose image is on your life, the mottoes and symbols of a mundane world, or the image of Jesus Christ?

Take my whole life, Lord;
Claim every part.
Stamp thine own image
Deep in my heart.

Max Hte. Bap. Ch. 2-7-88