

A person with a backpack stands on a rocky mountain peak, looking out over a vast, hazy landscape under a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the scene.

GOD'S IMAGE BEARERS AND KINGDOM AMBASSADORS

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*"No one can consistently behave in a way
that is inconsistent with how he perceives himself."*

— Neil Anderson

**TO HAVE A CORRECT VIEW OF OURSELVES
PRECEDES BEHAVING IN SUCH MANNER**

We must align our view of ourselves with
God's view if we truly expect to be

1. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE THE IMAGE OF GOD?

GENESIS 1:26 (NKJV)

"Then God said, 'Let Us make mankind in Our image, in Our likeness, that they may rule over the fish in the sea and over the birds of the sky, over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'"



GOD'S MORALITY

We reflect God's righteousness and moral character.



GOD'S FELLOWSHIP

We are created for relationship and communion with God and with others.



GOD'S CREATIVITY

We reflect His creative nature as image bearers.



GOD'S FREE WILL

We are given the choice to know, love, and serve Him.

2. THE **FALL** OF MAN AND CHRIST RESTORATION OF THE IMAGE

- When mankind fell, Adam did not only fall from dominion but from image.
- The character of God in humanity could not clearly be displayed—sin marred the image of God.
- Satan's main purpose is to distort the image of God, because every time he looks at you, he sees what he isn't.
- Darkness hates us not necessarily because of us, but because of who we represent.
- Because of Adam's rebellion our negative character defects are all products of the fall.



3. GOD'S RESTORATION OF THE IMAGE THROUGH CHRIST

ROMANS 8:29 (NKJV)

"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

COLOSSIANS 1:15 (NKJV)

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."



Where Adam failed, Christ succeeded in truly representing God fully and revealing His heart to creation.



In Him the invisible had become visible, that which was not known had been made known.

HEBREWS 1:3 (NLT)

"The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command."



He is the exact representation of God's nature.



Jesus came to reveal the glory of God.



We cannot see God the Father,
but we have fully seen Him in Jesus.



Through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection,
our nature is being renewed to reflect His image.



4. FROM IMAGE BEARERS TO KINGDOM AMBASSADORS



Upon the moment of salvation and conversion you were commissioned as an ambassador for the Kingdom of God (Ex. John 20:21-23).



Out of knowing who we are as Christ's image, this should prepare us to be His ambassadors.



We can never truly be His ambassadors until we grasp that we are His image.



Our effectiveness as ambassadors is only effective as our understanding of identity.



5. WHAT IS AN AMBASSADOR?

An ambassador is a high-ranking diplomatic representative who is appointed by a country's government to represent their interest in a foreign country.

If the US must deal with issues in a foreign country, we don't send our president—we send a US ambassador.



Ambassadors represent a whole country or nation.



They are sent once citizens of the country they are sent to.



They are responsible for relaying messages between two governments.



They are not voted in; they are chosen by the government.

6. AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

2 CORINTHIANS 5:16-21 (NKJV)



As ambassadors for Christ, we represent His Kingdom, values, and heart to a lost and broken world.



We speak not our own words, but the words of our King.



We live not for ourselves, but for the One who sent us.



Our message is reconciliation: bringing people back into right relationship with God.



Our credibility as ambassadors is based on our character being conformed to the image of Christ.



AS IMAGE BEARERS
RESTORED BY CHRIST,

**WE ARE CALLED TO
REPRESENT HIM
AS KINGDOM
AMBASSADORS.**

May our lives reflect the
heart of our King and
bring His Kingdom to earth.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:20

