

Sermon Series – “Why I Believe”

Part 17 – “In His Image”

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Scripture Reading: Romans 1:16-25

Though some would seek to _____ us otherwise, humankind is not the product of chance nor are we at the end of a long line of evolved species. _____, we are here as the direct result of _____ design – the work of a God who loves us and made us in His _____. From the _____ of our creation, Satan has been trying to distort God’s image in mankind and _____ doubt in who, and whose, we are. Unfortunately, he has been partially successful in _____ our view of our Heavenly Father and consequently humanity has fallen from God’s standard of morality and was plunged into an _____ crisis. What does God’s _____ Word reveal as the root cause for this crisis and what can be done, not just to _____, but renew and heal our _____ state of mind? May we humble our hearts and open our minds to God’s _____ of love today. Let us pray.

Restoring the Creator’s Image

1. What was it that _____ with the image of God in man? *Romans 1:21-23*
2. Why is _____ the result of removing the image of God? *Romans 1:24-25*
3. How did this affect how we _____ and relate with each other? *Rom. 1:26-27*
4. How will the _____ man be renewed to the image of God? *Eph. 4:17-24*

Many are inquiring, “How am I to make the surrender of myself to God?” You desire to give yourself to Him, but you are weak in moral power, in slavery to doubt, and controlled by the habits of your life of sin. Your promises and resolutions are like ropes of sand. You cannot control your thoughts, your impulses, your affections. The knowledge of your broken promises and forfeited pledges weakens your confidence in your own sincerity, and causes you to feel that God cannot accept you; but you need not despair. What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him. -**Steps to Christ**, p. 47

May we surrender self to God and find our true identity in Him!