

## All Things New – #2 – The Image of God

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*26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them.*

1. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God?

Ephesians 4:24

Colossians 3:10

2. What happened in the \_\_\_\_\_?

Genesis 5:1-3

3. What did \_\_\_\_\_ do about it?

1 Corinthians 6:11, 19


You have the second \_\_\_\_\_.

You have the life-giving \_\_\_\_\_ in you.


We have an image changing \_\_\_\_\_.


## Connect Group Study


### Getting Started


 What are you hoping for this year? What are your hopes and dreams for this coming year?

### Digging Deeper


 We defined the image of God this way: *Hearts that want what God wants, minds that think what God wants, wills that are aligned with God's will, and lives that do what God wants us.* What do you think that was like for Adam and Eve? How is that different from the way you and other operate today?

 Look up Genesis 8:21; Ephesians 2:1; Romans 8:7. These verses teach us about the human nature after the fall, namely that we have lost the image of God. Moses calls us “inclined to only evil all the time.” In Ephesians, Paul calls us “dead in sin.” In Romans, he calls us “hostile to God.” How does this explain what is going in our world and inside each one of us?

 Look up Ephesians 4:23-24; Titus 3:3-7; Romans 8:9-17. We don't have the power in us to change ourselves or the world. The power is from the Spirit through the gospel. How can we tap into that power?

 When Jesus came up out of the water of his baptism, the Spirit descended on him and the Father spoke his pleasure. We are told that there he was anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power. The same thing happened to us at our baptism. What power is truly yours by the Holy Spirit? Be specific and fill in the blank: I now have power to \_\_\_\_\_. Come up with a declaration that you can post on your mirror.

### Taking It Home

 The simple truth is this. If we are going to be transformed, we must be immersed in the gospel. If we are going to change the world one person at a time, we must share the gospel. What one thing will you do you this year to be immersed in the gospel yourself? What one thing will you do with the gospel this year to be active in sharing the gospel this year?