

Who is the Image of God: Adam the first Man, or Jesus Christ?

Last show I introduced a few words and terms such as

Ye shall be as gods

Kind or Species

The Biblical Meaning of Image

What it means to be Spiritual as opposed to being a Spiritist

KIND / **H4327** (Brown-Driver-Briggs)

מִינִין / **mîyn**

BDB Definition:

1) kind, sometimes a species (usually of animals)

Part of Speech: noun masculine

2Co 5:17 Therefore ^{G5620} if any man ^{G1536} be in ^{G1722} Christ, ^{G5547} he is a new ^{G2537} creature: ^{G2937} old things ^{G744} are passed away; ^{G3928} behold, ^{G2400} all things ^{G3956} are become ^{G1096} new. ^{G2537}

NEW / **G2537** (Thayer)

καίνος / **kainos**

Thayer Definition:

1) new

1a) as respects form

1a1) recently made, fresh, recent, unused, unworn

1b) as respects substance

1b1) **of a new kind, unprecedented, novel, uncommon, unheard of**

Part of Speech: adjective

So, if Adam was perfect in the very Beginning, what need was there for God to make a NEW KIND or NEW SPECIES in Christ; a Species that is unprecedented, Novel, Uncommon, Unheard of.... If Adam was the perfect creature, who fell simply because he disobeyed God, why did God not forgive Him and restore Him back to that state of perfection? Why make a NEW KIND or NEW SPECIES of Creature that has nothing in common with the first Man, that is, with Adam? Why does the Bible teach us that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God?

1 Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God**; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

If flesh and blood was originally perfect then all that was required was to restore us all back to the state of Adam and Eve in the Garden before the fall, and let us live as flesh and blood forever! But this is not what God is doing, He is transforming, metamorphosing flesh and blood into a completely **NEW KIND or a completely NEW SPECIES of Creatures in Christ**, who are not made New just in their body, but also in their Mind, and in their Heart. Like Lazarus, who was raised from the dead but yet had to die again so that he could be resurrected into a completely NEW KIND of creature, so too, must we all be Changed, be transformed from Earthy

flesh and blood creatures, like Adam our father, into the Glorious form of the Risen Jesus Christ, first seen on the Mount of Transfiguration before His death on the Cross.

CHANGE = TRANSFORMATION = METAMORPHOSIS

This is the same process by which an ugly caterpillar is transformed into a glorious butterfly. Our current state as corrupt flesh and blood is the larva state of the caterpillar; when our transformation is complete, the larva will die to be changed into a beautiful beautiful butterfly! The transformation of the larva into a butterfly is called **METAMORPHOSIS**. This is the very same word that is used in 2 Cor. 3:18 where we read that we are being **changed or transformed or metamorphosed into the Image of Christ** as we behold Jesus in our hearts, and gain the Knowledge of who He is by studying The Word of God. The Word of God is like a mirror in which we see the Image of Christ, where we gain the Knowledge of God, and as more and more of this Knowledge is revealed to us in our hearts and minds, we ourselves are transformed into that very same Image by the Spirit of God working in us to metamorphose us from the Earthy Image of our first father Adam, to the Spiritual Image of The Lord from Heaven.

G3339 (Thayer) / **CHANGE (TRANSFORM)** μεταμορφόω metamorphoō

Thayer Definition:

1) **to change into another form, to transform, to transfigure**

1a) Christ appearance was changed and was resplendent with divine brightness on the mount of transfiguration

Part of Speech: verb

Matthew 17: 1-2 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, ² **And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.**

The word Change or Metamorphose is the very same word that is used for Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. The word **TRANSFIGURE** used in Mat. 17:2 is the Greek word **Metamorphoo**, from which we get the English word Metamorphosis. Christ the Son of Man, in the form of flesh and blood was **CHANGED**, was **TRANSFORMED** into the Glorious Eternal Son of God; though still in bodily form, was yet completely different, a totally different **KIND** of being from the Earthy man of flesh and blood that first went up that mountain. This is symbolic of the promised transformation of all believers in Christ: first they are born of the water, born as weak and mortal flesh and blood but even while in the body, their transformation or change from mankind to God-Kind begins as the Spirit of God slowly begins to metamorphose them in their inner being. Later when the process is finished at Christ's Second Coming, we too will be housed in glorious spiritual bodies as seen in the transformation of Jesus on that mountain.

2 Corinthians 4:16 King James Version (KJV)

16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet **the inward man is renewed day by day.**

G341 (Thayer)

RENEW ἀνακαινόω / anakainoō

Thayer Definition:

1) **to cause to grow up, new, to make new**

1a) new strength and vigour is given to one

1b) **to be changed into a new kind of life as opposed to the former corrupt state**

To make New Creatures in Christ was not an afterthought on the part of God, not a plan that was concocted after the fall of Adam to merely save us from death; No, this was God's plan right from the beginning: to begin with a creature of clay, made flesh and blood, who was subject to mortality, and in the process of time Transform Him into the New Creature, who is the Image, one could say a Clone of the Lord from Heaven.

The Lord from Heaven, The Resurrected Jesus Christ, the Second Adam, is nothing like the first Adam; in Body, in Soul, or in Spirit. How many times have we heard preachers say that Adam's spirit died when he ate the forbidden fruit, but is that really true? If we understand the difference between Soul and Spirit, it will become clear that before Adam ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he was a mere soul: he had a consciousness, his mental faculties were sharp, he was intelligent but he did not have a Conscience, which is one of the meanings of the word SPIRIT in the Bible. Spirit means BREATH, which is the Life that God puts in us to keep our body alive, but it also means the Heart or CONSCIENCE, which is the faculty we have been given to understand the difference between Good and Evil, and to choose the Good but refuse the Evil. Since Adam did not know the difference between Good and Evil before eating the forbidden fruit, he did not have a CONSCIENCE before the fall, He was not a Spiritual creature, but merely a soulish creature controlled by his senses, by his mind rather than his heart. The Bible defines everything we need to learn, and the word Spirituality is defined in the Bible. The Apostle Paul taught us the difference between those who are Carnal, and those who are Spiritual.

In 1 Cor. 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto **spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.**

So, what we learn here is that babes in Christ are Carnal; the word Carnal means fleshy, earthy, are natural beings; they are not Spiritual. So, who then is a Spiritual person in the Bible? This we learn from Hebrews 5:14 But **strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age**, even those who by reason of use have **their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**

The Corinthians were told that they were babes, and therefore not Spiritual; those who can chew strong meat are those who are of Full Age, they are Mature, they are Spiritual, and why are they Spiritual? The answer is that they have **exercised their senses to discern both Good and Evil.** To be Spiritual is to be able to correctly discern between good and evil. Since Adam and Eve did not have a clue of what was good and what was evil before they ate the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, they did not even have a spirit or a conscience; they were not spiritual, they were absolutely carnal! Their spiritual birth took place when they ate of the fruit of the tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and their eyes, their spiritual eyes were opened. Just because their Spiritual eyes were opened does not mean that they become Good! To be Spiritual requires the Knowledge of both Good and Evil, not just of Good or Evil. As a matter of fact, Good cannot be understood without understanding Evil, and vice versa. Furthermore, the knowledge of Good and Evil is not Academic knowledge, it is knowledge that can only be gained through experiencing both Good and Evil. So, after they left the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve, and their offspring began to gain the Knowledge of Evil first; their journey to spirituality first began on the road of Evil! This is why the Serpent, who is Satan the devil was present in that Garden; since it was necessary for them to learn Evil, their Educator was right at hand to teach them. This was an Education in which the majority of Adam's children graduated with honors, they excelled in Evil, so much so that within 8 generations from Adam, God had to send the flood and destroy that world.

However, Evil would serve a greater purpose for God, which is why God suffered Evil to be born

in His Creation, and to grow and grow and grow, and finally become Absolute, so that the time came when God's Creation came to be blanketed by Thick Darkness, in where was no Light, no Good left at all. I have covered much of the History of those Ages before Adam, the Gold, Silver and Bronze Ages in my Bible History videos. It was only when Absolute Darkness, which signifies Absolute Evil had come into existence that God could command the Light to shine out of that Darkness, and therefore have both Light and Darkness exist side by side, so we could see both and understand both Light and Darkness, understand both Good and Evil. This is why God and the devil were both present in the Garden, so that we could see them both, understand them both, and choose God and reject the devil! However, what we needed to see and understand was not their outer appearance but their inner Nature, and that could only be understood by that nature being Imaged or Replicated or Programmed inside of us. So, the Word IMAGE means CHARACTER, and since the Garden of Eden, Satan, who was made god of this world by Adam, has been programming us with his evil, he has been shaping us into his own Image, forming his own character in man, which is why man is filled with envy and jealousy and hatred for his fellow man; man does not love man, man hates man! In their inner man, people are devilish, they bite and devour each other, in words, and in deed; this is easily proven by history, or even by watching the evening news!

But none of this happened without reason, or without serving the purposes of God! The purpose of Creation from the very beginning has been to take the first Adam, or Man, let him become infected with Evil, and then make a way for the Evil, which results in Sin and Death, to be PURGED from his very being in Soul and Spirit, which results in the formation of the NEW CREATURE in Christ, who like God, can no longer be even tempted by Evil let alone give in to Evil as easily as Eve and Adam did in the Garden of Eden.

If we had never been exposed to Evil, the temptation of Evil would always remain, and we can learn from the fall of some of the angels, and the corruption of some of the sons of God that Evil will eventually overcome those who are given knowledge and power. I discussed the reasons for the fall of some of the angels in my continuing Bible History series in part Titled Why some of the Angels fell - <https://youtu.be/S3yNI5x4MoA>

It is only by allowing us to become Evil, and then purging that evil out of us, that God could make us Good, as He is Good. History has not happened without God directing every epoch of History. In order to make us immune from the temptations of Evil, God had to allow Evil to tempt us and overcome us. God cannot be tempted with evil, and so too must the heirs of God be creatures that cannot even be tempted by evil, let alone give into it as easily as Eve and Adam did in the Garden of Eden. God is not going to hand over the keys to His Kingdom to creatures, that like some of the angels, could turn to evil and sow the seeds of destruction of God's Creation again, as has happened time and again in the past, and is happening this very moment! Only God can resist evil without even being tempted by it, just as Jesus, who is God in the flesh resisted all the temptations of the devil and overcome them. This no man can do, so what God has purposed to do from before the Beginning is to reproduce more of Himself, make more God-Kind of beings, not Man-Kind of creatures. Man-Kind was merely the chosen vessel, whose transformation would result in the New Creature in Christ being created; creatures that are not Man-Kind but are God-Kind because they have the Image of God, that have His Inner Character, that have the very thoughts of God and His Motivations imprinted on their inner being. They are identical in character to God, and therefore they are the Image of God, they are his Replicas, more than Replicas, they are His Very Clones.

The roots of the tree of Evil go very deep, right to the very bottom of the Earth, and this is how we understand the Ages of Time, where God patiently allowed this tree to grow, to be planted by the anointed cherub in Ezekiel 28, to be watered by Lucifer in Isaiah 14, and finally for it to reach full height and depth at the hands of Satan. All this had to happen the way it did, and the purpose was for God to Re-Produce, to Imprint the very Image of His Character and Personality on to creatures that were chosen to be His heirs from before the foundation of the world. God is Love, and therefore only God can Love God! So, in order for God to be Loved, He had to make more of Himself, He had to recreate His own heart and transplant the stony heart of Man with His Own Heart of Flesh, with His Own Heart of Love! This process could only work by transforming the evil nature of man with His Own Good, by overwriting the evil of man by the Good of God; this is how God's Image is imprinted on to man's soul and spirit, onto his mind and heart: it is done by the ink of the blood of Christ overwriting the evil of man, and writing His Own Good on it, thereby making man Good, even as He is Good. But this could not be done on a blank slate, like that of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden before the fall. The way Man's spirit or Conscience is purged of Evil is by the Good of God

Hebrews 9:14 King James Version (KJV)

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

To be continued...