

II Peter 1:4
Partakers of The Divine Nature
(God's Characteristics Displayed in us)

Background Scripture: [Genesis 1:26]: *And God said, let Us make man in our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over fish of the sea, and over fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing the creeps upon the earth.*

Note: Man, and Women were both created in the “image” and “likeness” of God. On the basis of this image, they/we could respond to and have fellowship with God and uniquely reflect His love, glory and holiness. They were to do so by knowing God and obeying Him. They possessed a moral likeness to God, for they were sinless and holy, possessing wisdom, a heart of love, and the will to do right.

They lived in a personal fellowship with God that involved moral obedience and intimate communion. When Adam and Eve sinned, their moral likeness was corrupted. In redemption believers must be renewed to the original moral likeness. (**Ephesians 4:44-24, Colossians 3: 5-10; 11-17**). That human beings were made in the image of God does not mean they are divine. They have been created on a lower order and are dependent on God (**Psalms 8:5**). All human life is derived from Adam and Eve (**Genesis 3:20**).

[Romans 12:2]: *And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.*

Note: By having a renewed mind and living a transformed life in Christ, we are able to test, prove and affirm that the will of God is good, desirable and perfect. Whereas Satan slanders God's will as being not good, undesirable and imperfect, transformed believers know and embrace God's will as the highest and best way of life.

A Renewed Mind
{anakainosis- an-ak-ee-no-sis}
(Renovation, to renovate, to renovate or reform)

[Ephesians 4:23-24]: *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

Before we can put on the new man we must deal with the old man: (Ephesians 4:17-22)

[Ephesians 4:22]: *That ye put off concerning the former conversation of the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.*

Final Thought: [II Corinthians 5:17]: *Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new.*

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