

When we are born, and grow up, many individuals in our family or friends will automatically take guesses of who we take after. Either you take after your Father more than your Mother or You take after your mother more than your Father. But Many people in my family would ask my parents where did you get him from because he doesn't take after any of you in any personality way. But when they look at my image from my personality, then people say Kyle you look like your Dad even though I think I look like my mother but people have their own opinions and I will except their opinion. However, why am I bringing this up? Because each of us resembles our parents in some way. But Paul is telling us we also resemble someone else's image.

In the second reading, Paul is talking about the natural man and the Spiritual Man. He talks about the first Man, Adam resembling Adam from Genesis and the Last Adam who is life-giving Spirit, which Paul is referring to as Jesus Christ who is the New Adam in the New Testament. Why am I bringing this up, because Adam was made by God, when God said during the story of creation in Genesis 1: 27-28 "God created Man in his image, in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.

Right there we take after the form of Man who was from the earth because God made him in his image. Then you have the New Adam Jesus Christ the man who came from heaven but also is the earthly one, because in our profession of Faith which we make every Sunday as one

community we say “for us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became Man. Right there we see Christ’s Human and Divine nature. And you are probably asking yourself right now okay where is he going with this, Well Paul is reminding us that we all have an image of the earthly one but also, we bear the image of the heavenly one, because we are all made in the image and likeness of our creator.

However, the word image means more than just a picture, because it also represents the representation of the external form of a person or the general impression that a person presents to the public. The image that we represent is the image that we heard today in the Gospel, and in the Gospel acclamation which was just sung: That the Lord has given us a new commandment to love one another as I have loved you. Because the Lord has given us an image to follow and that is to love to put aside all the judgments, all the condemning, and to find mercy. Because our image is to reflect the image of our Lord and sometimes that image can be stained. There are times in our lives we may treat others without mercy and we automatically forget how to be merciful. But through Christ ministry he shows us the true meaning of forgiveness and mercy for others.

Saint Teresa of Jesus once said “Look for Christ Our Lord in everyone and you will then have respect and reverence for all. When I found this quote, I decided I had to read it because we can forget we are

all Christians found in the image of Christ, both externally and internally in our lives. But and we may fall into those moments of Judgement toward others and human acts that are not in the image of Christ. For this reason, we must love our enemies, and continue to do good to those who may hate us, bless those who curse us and pray for those who mistreat us. Because if we cannot show mercy and we allow anger to overcome us, then we will fall into that same hatred others may show us. But rather we should love our enemies and do good to them no matter how we feel deep inside. Just like Christ did he helped those sinners when help was needed and did not look for anything in return.

And we can do the same thing, we can live out the image of Christ because he teaches us no matter what happens in our lives our reward is the greatest reward which is found with the children of the Most High in his heavenly Kingdom. Each day we should try to live out his image in our lives, because that the image we should hold true to.

So, “Lord We pray for our hearts. Pray that we will have the compassion of Christ with in us throughout our lives as his image to follow. Allow us to have the desire to love the people the way that Christ did being forgiving and merciful just like he was. Continue to teach us to love passionately and genuinely in Jesus’ name Amen!”