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"What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?" (Psalm 8:4, NASB).

"You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, All sheep and oxen, And also the beasts of the field, The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, Whatever passes through the paths of the seas" (Psalm 8:5-8, NASB).

- 1. We are spiritual beings.
- 2. We are *personal* beings.
- 3. We are *moral* beings.
- 4. We are relational beings.
- 5. We are rational beings.
- 6. We are *emotional* beings.
- 7. We are *creative* beings.

[&]quot;Put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him" (Colossians 3:10, NASB).

"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren" (Roman 8:28-29, NASB).

"When He appears we will be like Him" (1 John 3:2, NIV).

The Practical Applications of the Image of God

- 1. Evangelism and Missions.
- 2. Sanctity of life.
- 3. Dignity.
- 4. Sexuality.
- 5. Compassion toward others in need.
- 6. The Church.
 - I am God's child (John 1:12)
 - I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
 - I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
 - I am bought with a price (1 C or 6:19-20)
 - I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
 - I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
 - I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)
 - I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
 - I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
 - I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)
 - I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
 - I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)
 - I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
 - I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
 - I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)
 - I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
 - I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)

- I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
- I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
- I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
- I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
- I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16).
- I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
- I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3)..
- I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
- I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1).
- I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
- I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)
- I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14).
- I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

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