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Imago Dei

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CREATION | *the image of God*

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." [Genesis 1.26-27 cf. Psalm 8.5-8]

Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. [Genesis 2.7]

With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. [James 3.9-10]

FALL | *a distorted image*

[Genesis 3]

The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. [Genesis 6.5]

See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes. [Ecclesiastes 7.29]

"...because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen." [Romans 1.25 cf. Romans 3.9-20]

For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. [Revelation 3.17]

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REDEMPTION | *a renewed image*

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. [Romans 8.29-30]

[Colossians 3.9-17]

RESTORATION | *a glorious image*

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. [Philippians 3.20-21]

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