

Putting on the Image of Christ

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Putting On...

God said, "Let us make humans in our image and likeness."

Genesis 1:26

Christ is all that matters and he lives in all of us.

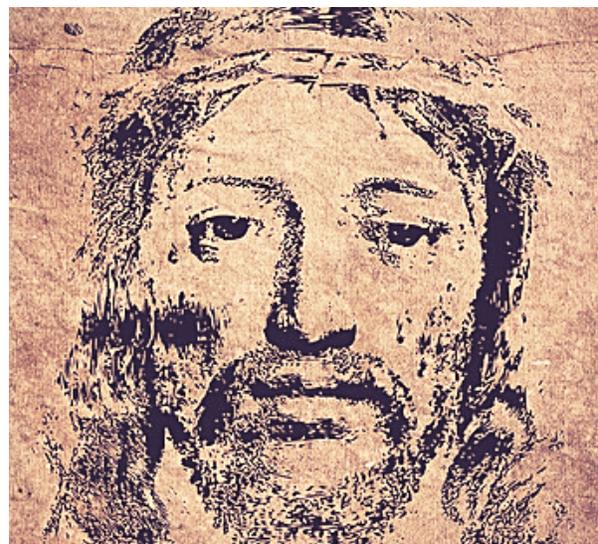
Col. 3:11

It is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me!

Galatians 2:20

...as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him, reflecting his glory even more.

2 Cor. 3:18



...the Likeness of Christ

...we are already children of God...all I know is that when the whole pattern is revealed, **we shall all be like him.**

1 John 3: 2

You were taught to...be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new self, **created according to the likeness of God** in true righteousness and holiness.

Eph. 4: 22-24

As we know Jesus better, his Divine Power gives us all we need for living a godly (Christlike) life. He has called us to received his own goodness – **to share in his Divine Power.**

2 Peter 1: 3-4

St. Paul refers to the “indwelling Christ” 100 times in his letters, assuring us — *over and over* — that we have the **Christ nature** within us, the blueprint we need for “putting on” His likeness.

Encouragement for Putting on Christ

God's image is our inherent identity in and union with God, an eternal essence that cannot be destroyed. Likeness is our personal embodiment of that inner divine image that we have the freedom to develop –or not –throughout our lives. Though we differ in likeness, the Imago Dei persists and shines through all created things.

Fr. Richard Rohr

Remember, he has called you by name. You are his. You are precious to him. He loves you. Such knowledge should become the burning flame of God's love. May we each grow into the likeness of Christ through love for each other.

St. Mother Teresa

To say that I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love. Love is my true identity. Selflessness is my true self. Love is my character. Love is my name. Sin is the refusal to be what we were created to be – children of God...images of God.-- a refusal of his will and his love.
Thomas Merton

Our worth is based not on our skills or levels of productivity. Rather we discover our worth when we discover our true identity found in the permanent fact that we are created in God's image and likeness and called to an eternal destiny with him. We were made to love and be loved...

Cardinal Sean O'Malley

To be totally committed to the spiritual quest means to respond over and over to whatever beckons us beyond where we are now to something even closer to the mind of Christ. Only by going inside ourselves to clear out the debris of our heart can we change the texture of our our life.

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