

Series: Imago Dei
Sermon: Imago Marred
Scripture: Genesis 3:1-7 (ESV)
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Last week:

Genesis 1:26 (ESV)

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..."

Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

This week:

Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

"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 2:18, 21-22 (ESV)

"Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him'...so the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into woman and brought her to the man."

Genesis 3:1-7 (ESV)

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."

⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

After the fall, all humanity continued to bear the image of God, albeit a marred image.

- *Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His own image. Genesis 9:6 (ESV)*
- *With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. James 3:9 (ESV)*
- Speak to the importance of understanding this for the emphasis on human dignity and value.

After the fall, all humanity fell out of fellowship with God and became spiritually dead.

- *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins... Ephesians 2:1 (ESV)*

Imaging of God Pre-Fall:

Structural:

- Mankind's possession of reason, morality, gifts, capacities, endowments, etc.

Functional:

- Mankind's possession of true knowledge, righteousness, and holiness of God.
- Proper functioning in harmony with God's will for mankind.

Imaging God Post-Fall:

The Image of God is Structurally Retained.

- *Implication:* The dignity and value of all human beings.

The Image of God is Functionally Lost.

- *Implication:* The spiritual depravity of all human beings.

When man was created, he possessed the image of God in the structural or broader sense, and at the same time imaged God properly in the functional or narrower sense, since he lived in perfect obedience to God. After man had fallen into sin, however, he retained the image of God in the structural or broader sense but lost it in the functional or narrower sense...what changed, in other words, was not the structure of man but the way in which he functioned, the direction in which he was going.

– Anthony Hoekema, *Created in God's Image*

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

Luke 7:27-28 (ESV)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

Colossians 1:15 (ESV)

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- In Christ this is being renewed as we are being made again into the image of God.

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- In Christ, we are made alive – by His grace alone, through Faith alone, by the mercy of God alone, to the glory of God alone.