

The Image of God in Man

Genesis 1:26-27

The creation of man is distinctly unique from God's other creation. Unlike the creation of animals, where God created each animal "according to its kind" (Gen. 1:21, 24, 25), man was created in God's image and after God's likeness (Gen. 1:26-27).

I. Biblical _____ for the image of God in man

A. Old Testament Teaching

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B. New Testament Teaching

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II. Suggested _____ for the image of God in man

- John Calvin (1509-1564) "The proper seat of the image is in the soul . . . the image of God . . . is spiritual."
- Charles Hodge (1797-1878) "The essential attributes of a spirit are reason, conscience, and will . . . in making man after His own image, therefore, God endowed him with those attributes which belong to His own nature as a Spirit."

- Lewis Sperry Chafer (1871-1952) "Two exceedingly important truths emerge from the vast array of theological writings regarding that image in which man was created, namely, (a) that fallen man bears the inalienable image of God, and (b) that man is injured by the fall to the extent that only redeeming grace can rescue him."

III. Theological _____ for the image of God in man

- Anthony Hoekema (1913-1988) "The fact that the new self is said to be progressively renewed after the image of its Creator implies that man through his fall into sin has so corrupted the original image that it must be restored in the process of redemption."

IV. Practical _____ for the image of God in man