

What does the Word of God declare about man being created in the image of God?

Genesis 2:7, "The LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being."

Genesis 1:27, "God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

Genesis 5:1-2, "In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created."

As such:

1 Corinthians 2:11, "For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God."

2 Corinthians 3:18, "We all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

Why?

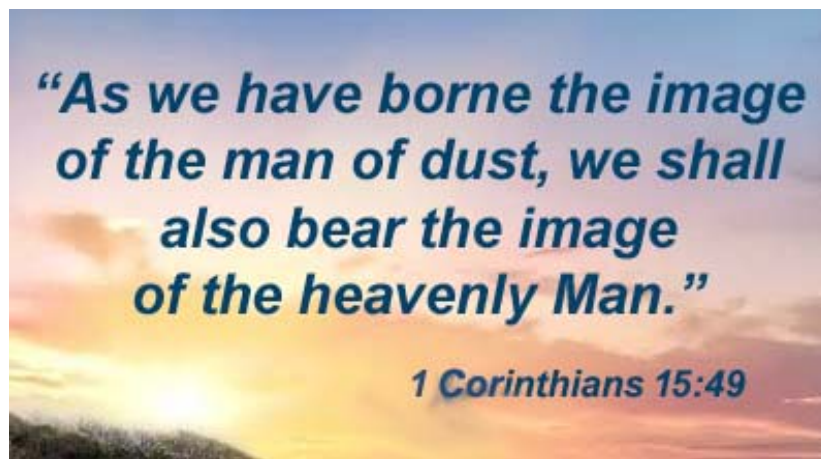
Job 32:8, "There *is* a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding."

Therefore:

Ephesians 4:24, "Put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

Do I understand that God created man in His Own image, so that man would live in true righteousness and holiness?

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For what purpose did God create man?

Genesis 1:28, "God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

As such Psalm 8:6 says: "You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all *things* under his feet."

What's more?

Romans 8:29, "Whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Why?

Philippians 3:20-21, "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.

As a result:

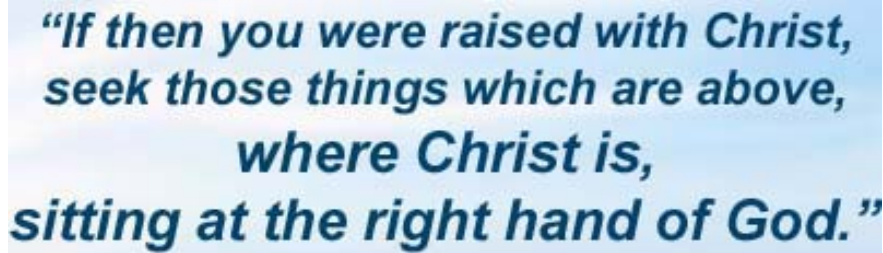
2 Corinthians 3:18, "All of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord, who is the Spirit, makes us more and more like Him as we are changed into His glorious image."

Therefore:

Psalm 119:73, "Your hands have made me and fashioned me; give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments."

Is my heart being transformed into the image of the heavenly Man, Christ Jesus?

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***“If then you were raised with Christ,
seek those things which are above,
where Christ is,
sitting at the right hand of God.”***

Colossians 3:1

What is the path to follow so we live in the image of God, in following Christ as Lord?

Romans 12:1-2, “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Why?

Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

As such:

Ephesians 4:14, “We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.”

What’s more?

2 Corinthians 4:16, “We do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day.”

Therefore:

1 John 3:2-3, “We know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.”

How steadfast am I to follow Christ as Lord, Him being the image of God in which we were created, and the only way and the truth to eternal life?

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***“For the wages of sin is death,
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in Christ Jesus our Lord.”***

Romans 6:23

Why do we need to follow Christ, and live righteously in the image of God?

Romans 3:23, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 15:22, “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”

2 Corinthians 3:15-16, “Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.”

For this purpose:

John 1:14, “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

What’s more?

John 1:12, “As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.”

Romans 6:6, “Our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.”

Titus 2:14, “He gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people.”

The reason Jesus said:

John 3:3, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Therefore:

2 Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

Do I understand how important it is to live righteously in Christ?

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***“The hour is coming, and now is,
when the true worshipers
will worship the Father
in spirit and truth;
for the Father is seeking
such to worship Him.”
John 4:23***

How does a true believer in Christ live to worship God?

First:

John 4:24, “God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

As such:

Hebrews 12:28, “Let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”

Colossians 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

Why?

Revelation 4:11, “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

Luke 4:8, “For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

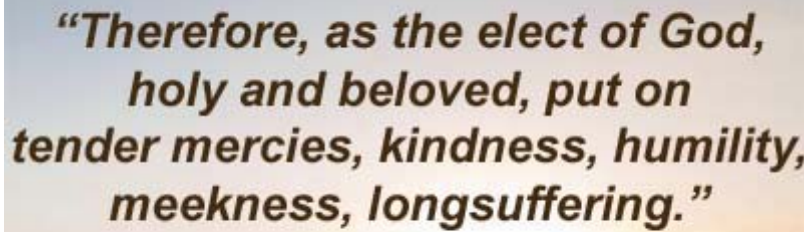
Romans 11:36, “For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things, to whom *be* glory forever.”

Therefore:

Jeremiah 9:23-24, “Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight,” says the LORD.”

How true and steadfast am I to worship God through my life, in spirit and in truth?

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***“Therefore, as the elect of God,
holy and beloved, put on
tender mercies, kindness, humility,
meekness, longsuffering.”***

Colossians 3:12

As believers in Christ, how humbly must we live so as to truly abide in the image of God?

Philippians 2:5-8, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.”

Romans 12:3, “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

Micah 6:8, “He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Why?

1 Peter 5:5, “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

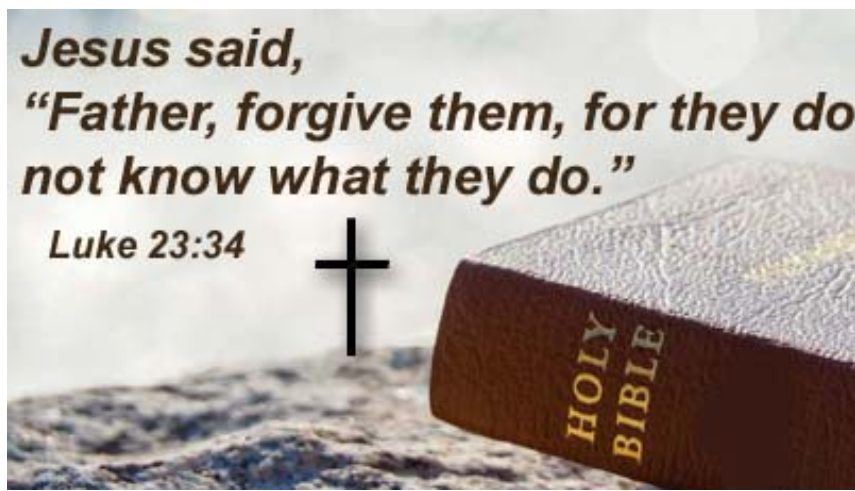
Proverbs 11:2, “When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble *is* wisdom.”

Therefore:

1 Peter 5:6-7, “Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”

In light of the Word of God, how humbly do I live, so I truly abide in Christ in the image of God?

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As the featured scripture declares, Jesus even forgave those who crucified Him.

How much more did Jesus teach us about forgiveness?

Matthew 6:14-15, "If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Luke 6:27, "I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you."

Luke 6:37, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

As such:

Matthew 18:21-22, "Peter came to Him and said, 'Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.'"

How is that achieved?

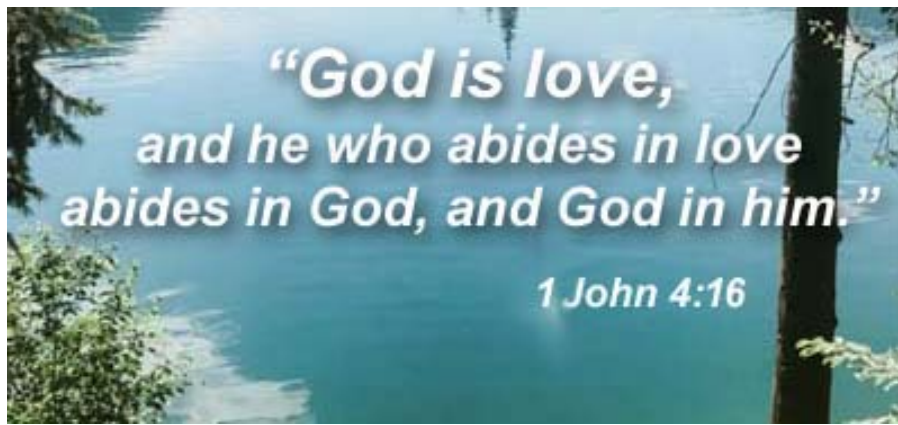
Ephesians 4:31-32, "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

What's more?

Mark 11:25, "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

Do I realize that as many times God has forgiven us for our sins, we must also forgive anyone who offends us?

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How did God prove His love towards us?

John 3:16, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Romans 5:8, "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Ephesians 2:4-6, "God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus."

As such:

1 John 4:9, "In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him."

The reason Jesus clearly said:

John 15:4, "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

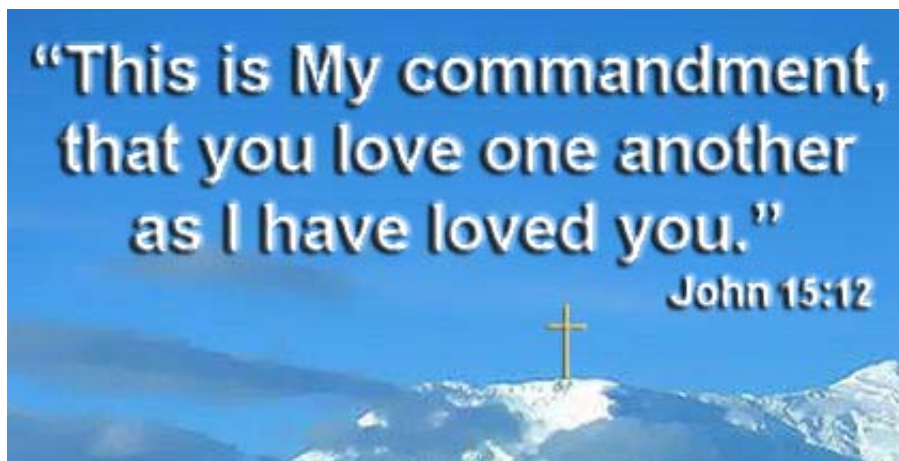
John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples."

Why?

1 John 4: 8, "He who does not love does not know God, for God is love."

Do I abide in the love of God, in Christ Jesus, the bond of perfection?

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How does God, the pure image of love, require that we love one another?

1 John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

How is that achieved?

Ephesians 4:2-3, "With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

As such:

1 Corinthians 13:4-8, "Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails."

1 John 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love."

1 Corinthians 13:13, "And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these *is* love."

Therefore:

1 Peter 4:8, "Have fervent love for one another, for 'love will cover a multitude of sins'."

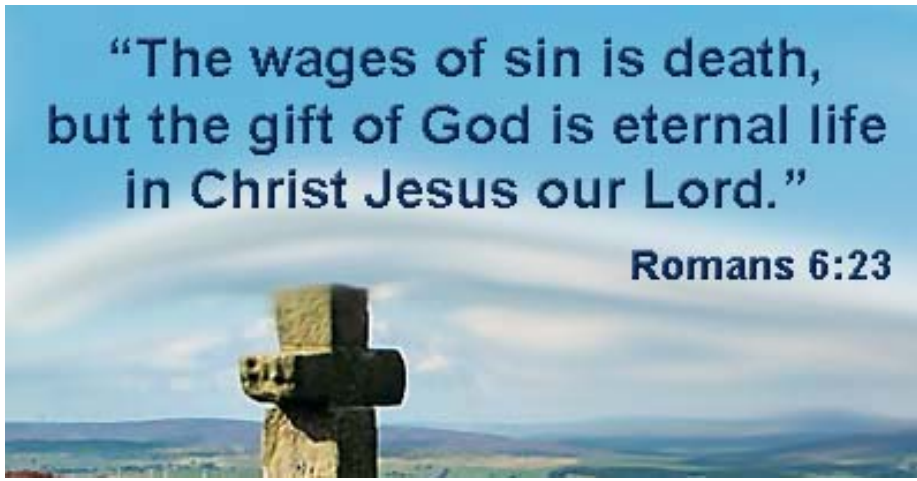
Colossians 3:14, "Put on love, which is the bond of perfection."

1 John 4:7, "Let us love one another, for love is of God."

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Romans 6:23



Why must we die to sin if we truly believe in Christ?

Romans 6:16, “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness?”

Romans 8:13, “For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.”

1 Peter 2:21, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.”

As such:

2 Corinthians 5:17, “If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

1 John 2:4, “He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”

What’s more?

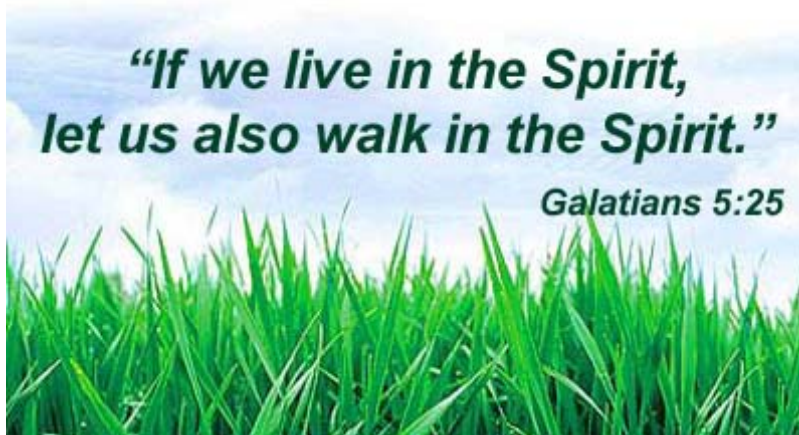
Galatians 5:24, “Those *who are* Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

Therefore:

2 Corinthians 10:4-5, “The weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.”

How dead to sin am I, to truly follow Christ from the heart?

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What does walking in the Spirit imply?

Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Ephesians 1:13, "In whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise."

As such:

1 Corinthians 2:12, "We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."

Romans 8:11, "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

What's more?

1 John 3:24, "He who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us."

Therefore:

Ephesians 4:30, "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

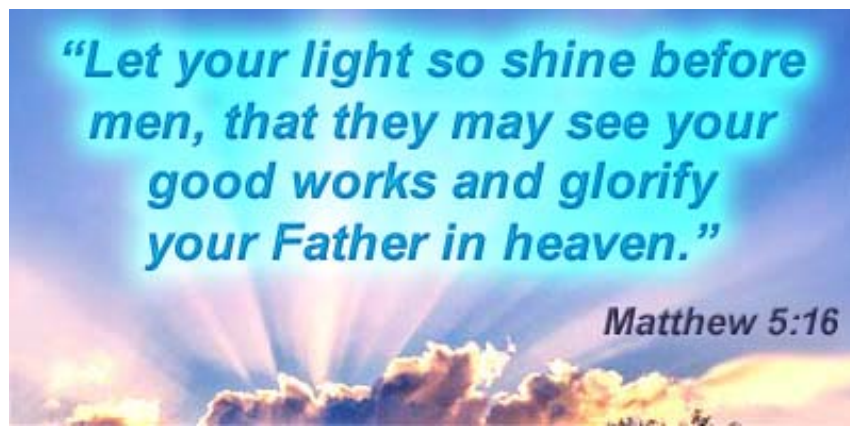
1 Corinthians 6:20, "Glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

Galatians 5:16, "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh."

Does my life testify to truly and honestly living and walking in the Spirit?

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How clearly did Christ enjoin us to be His witnesses?

John 8:12, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 12:26, "If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor."

As such:

Acts 1:8, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Why?

Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

What's more?

2 Timothy 1:8, "Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God."

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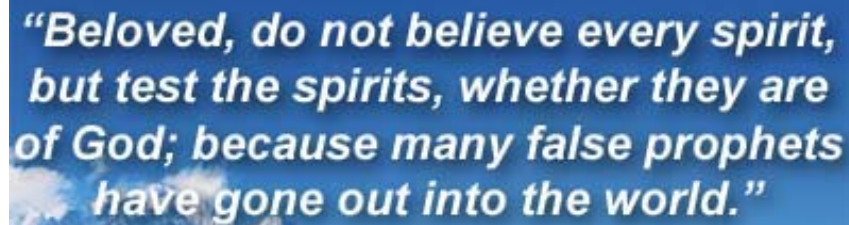
1 Peter 4:10, "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Colossians 3:23-24, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."

1 Samuel 12:24, "Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart."

Does my light shine before men in being a true witness for Christ?

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*“Beloved, do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits, whether they are
of God; because many false prophets
have gone out into the world.”*

1 John 4:1

How seriously does the Word of God warn us about being deceived, as well as being deceivers ourselves?

Galatians 6:7-8, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

1 Peter 5:8, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Why?

Matthew 24:24, “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.”

As such:

Ephesians 4:14, “We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.”

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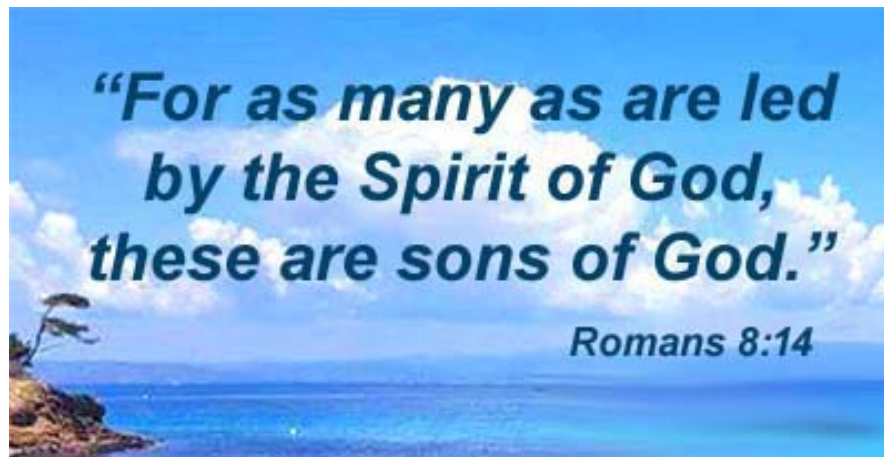
Galatians 5:13, “You, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not *use* liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

Therefore:

Matthew 10:28, “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

How anchored in Christ am I, so I wholeheartedly follow Him to ensure I am not deceived by the world?

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How is God's power manifested in our lives, when we live in His image, in Christ Jesus?

Isaiah 57:15, "For thus says the High and Lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, with him *who* has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones."

As such:

Job 33:4, "The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life."

What's more?

Romans 8:9: "You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

Romans 8:11, "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

The reason Jesus said:

John 6:63, "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and *they* are life."

John 3:5, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

Therefore:

Romans 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

Does my life reflect a walk according to the Spirit, in the image of God?

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