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Genesis 1:26-27, “²⁶And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.*”²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”

The animals had already been created when man was created. It is said of us, and not the animals, that we are made in the image of God. What does it mean to be made in the image of God? It’s hard for us not to picture the LORD physically. We know that we are created in the image of God, but this is obviously not physical. We are told in John 4:24 that God is a spirit.

If being in the image of God is not physical, but still like God is, then what could it be? What makes us different than the animals? What does it mean to be in God’s image? There are probably many ways we are made in the image of God.

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We have emotions. We can be happy, sad, and understand humor. These are attributes that animals do not have, but we do, being in the image of God. The LORD has emotions and this is a quality He gave us.

We can create and animals cannot. Animals will always live basic lives of eating and survival and never create tools to make their lives easier. We continually create and invent devices that make our lives easier. We will no doubt continue to always invent as long as the world stands.

The LORD said of mankind in Genesis 11:6, “*And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.*” That is certainly something those made in the image of God can do. Animals cannot. The abilities the LORD gave mankind to be able to create and invent were causing them to build a tower to Heaven.

The LORD confounded their language and caused them to scatter upon the earth to stop this tower. Note that the LORD did not lessen their abilities and understanding. Instead, He caused mankind to spread over the earth and put to better use the abilities He had given them. They had disobeyed the LORD by not replenishing the earth after the flood as Noah was told to do in Genesis 9:1 & 7. He punished them, but at the same time blessed them by expanding their language skills and discovering all the earth.

Though the LORD did confound their language, He left them with the ability to learn and create. Mankind learned the new languages the LORD had given them, and went and were fruitful on the earth.

We are in the image of God in that we can remember and also think into the future. Obviously any of our abilities are minute compared to the LORD. He remembers all and knows all to come. We too remember much in our lives and can plan ahead. This is something an animal cannot do.

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—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, and Erin Davis.**

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We also are in the image of God in that we have immortal souls that cannot cease to exist. Once the LORD has breathed life into a soul, it will forever be. Whether a person dies lost or saved, their soul will exist eternally. It's a sobering thought to know that no matter how far into the future you think about, your soul will be existing. Will it be existing in an eternally lost or eternally saved state?

Being in his image we need to be like Him. Let's always pray and work to be more like the LORD with each passing day.

—Marty Edwards❖

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Proverbs 20:11, *“Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.”*

In the previous article we talked about being in the image of God. The writer of Proverbs, in the above verse, tells us a child is known by his doings.

Though this was likely talking about a physical child of someone, the same can be said of us being the spiritual children of God. We are known by our doings.

If someone observed our activities continually, would they perceive we are a child of God? If they observed our attendance, our giving, our language, our entertainment, would they know we are a child of God? Or would they think otherwise?

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Sunday, July 8, 2018		
Classes	17	Titus 3:1-13
Preaching	19	Galatians 5:22-23
Contribution	\$771.00	
Evening	18	Zechariah 5:1-6:15
Wednesday, July 11, 2018		
Classes	26	I Chronicles 1:1-54

Visitors—
 July 8 (AM) Sharon Hogan & Beverly Gossett (Cave City, KY); Earl Boles (Cub Run)
 July 8 (PM) Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)
 July 11 (Wed) David, Connie, Owen, Thomas, & Lee Embry (Caneyville, KY); Jean Reason (Bowling Green, KY)

Bible Quiz

The earth was divided in the days of what man?

Last Week's Answer— Star (Revelation 22:16)

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A child is known by his doings. Likewise we show that we are children of God by our lives and actions. Jesus said in Matthew 7:20, *“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”* We all put forth fruit. Is it fruit that clearly shows we are children of God or fruit that shows otherwise?
 —Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)