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Colossians 3:8-11

We Are Created in God's Image

- **Genesis 1:26-28**

27 “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

- **Men and women are created *“in the image of God”***

- “God’s image, the crown of creation...” – Otto Procksch

- “partaker of the Divine image, and of dominion over all”

- M. Luther

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Sin Re-images God and Man

- **Rom 1:20-23**

23 “... exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man...”

- **God has made Himself known**

- *“His invisible attributes... have been clearly seen”*

- **But mankind has refused and rejected Him**

- Rejected His Divine image

- Elevated the creature over the Creator (25)

- Traded God *“for an image in the form of corruptible man”*

Christ Exemplified God's Image

- **Hebrews 1:3**

3 *“He is the... exact representation of His nature...”*

- *“the express image of His person”* (NKJV)

- *“the impress of His subsistence”* (YLT)

- “If God were pictured as a stamp, Jesus would be the impression made by the stamp” - McClister

- **The Son is distinguishable from the Father in form, but indistinguishable from the Father in essence**

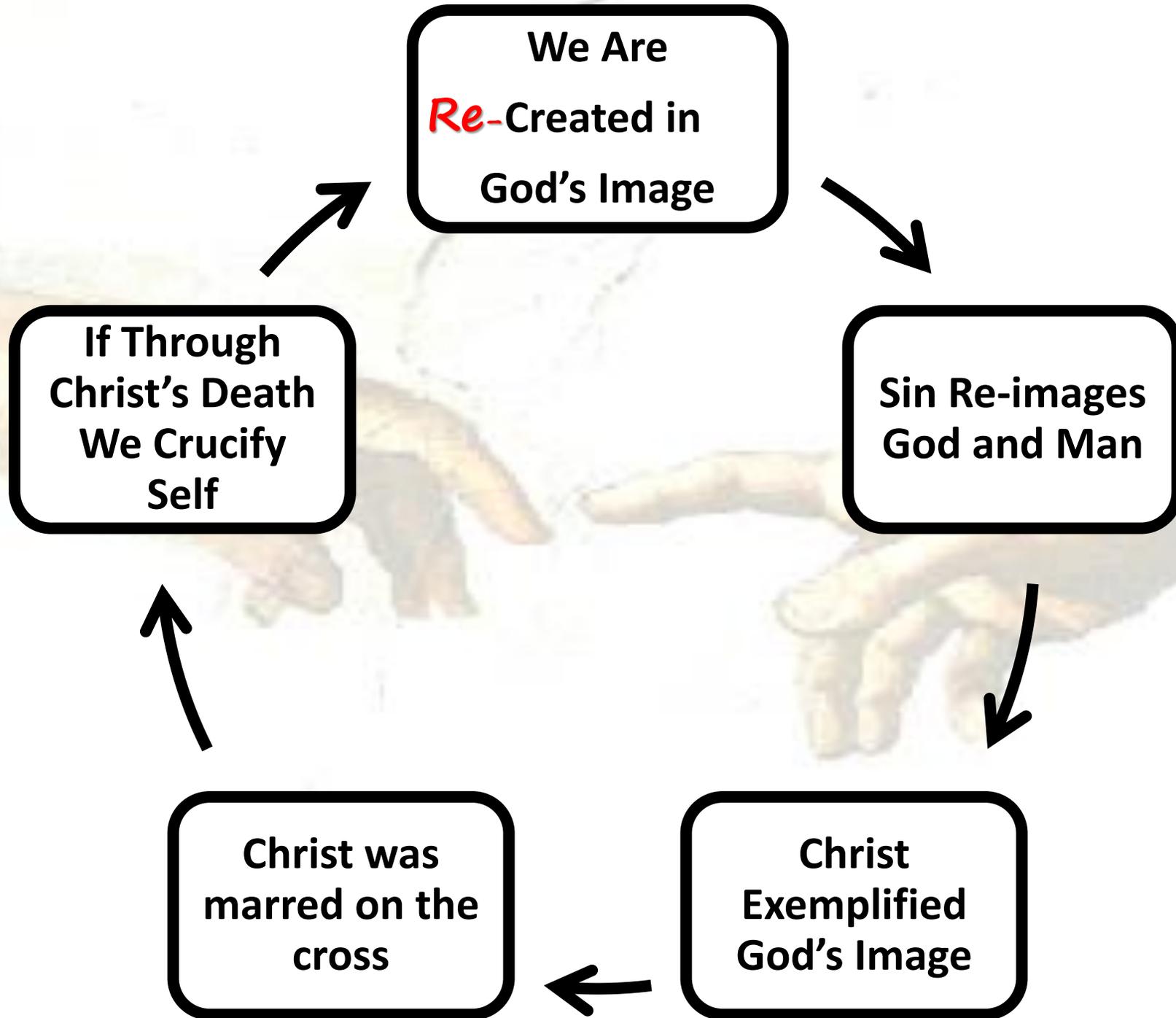
- *“I and the Father are one.”* (John 10:30)

Christ was marred on the cross

- **“The crucifixion was the marring of Christ’s visage, demonstrating what sin does to the image of God in man” - Moyer**
- Isa. 52:13-14
- 2 Cor. 5:21
- Heb. 10:5-10
- 1 Pet. 2:24
- **Our sin disfigured the image of God in us, the perfect image of God was disfigured for us...**

We Are Re-created in His Image

- If we crucify self, and take up our cross, then...
- We can be re-conformed to His image
- Rom. 8:29
 - *“become conformed to the image of His dear Son”*
- 2 Cor. 3:18
 - *“are being transformed into the same image...”*
- Col. 3:9-10
 - *“renewed... according to the image of the One...”*



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**The Gospel is the message that we may, once again,
share in God's image through Christ.**

Have you been re-created in the image of God?

Have you died with Christ?

Will you live with Him?

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