

In His image: A Sermon Outline

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Note: this sermon looks at four specific areas in which Christians are called to be like God, to live out his image within us. The first three points include both an Old Testament text and a New Testament text. Additional texts can be added to develop the points more fully.

Introduction: A biblical concept

We can read the texts. What do they mean?

Gen 1:26-27

Eph 4:20-22, 25-32

Rom 8:29

2 Cor 3:16-18

2 Pet 1:3-4

HOLINESS

Be holy as I am holy. What does it mean to be holy?

Leviticus

1 Pet 1:15-16

LOVE

Love as I love. How is it possible that duplicate God's love in our own lives?

Deuteronomy

John 15:12, 13:33-35

FORGIVENESS

Forgive as I forgive. Can we forgive? To forgive as God forgives requires a new understanding of what is involved in forgiveness.

Hosea

Ephesians 4:32

UNITY

Be one as we are one

John 17 urges the unity of the body of believers based on the unity of the Father and the Son

What is the biblical basis of unity?

Conclusion

Another way of focusing the challenges presented in this lesson is to observe that as disciples or Christians we are called to be imitators of Christ.

That begins as we imitate his submission to the Father's will, his willingness to serve as a demonstration of his love, and his self-sacrifice. We experience the same things in our initial response to him, and we continue to grow in these areas throughout our lives.