

BEARING GOD'S IMAGE

Made In God's Image

- Our Children Reflect our image
- Gen.1:26-28 – created in the likeness of God, with dominion over the creation, like God
- Ex.20:7 – 3rd commandment - “You shall not ~~take~~ **CARRY** the name of the Lord your God in vain”
- Isa.43:6,7 – “bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

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- As imagers we are made to image. We are designed to mirror or reflect God.
- We are to magnify our maker. His goodness, beauty, truth, love are to be echoed in us.
- Who are we?
- We are children of God!
- We are to bear His image
- We are to enjoy the privileges of relationship

Who are We? Children Of God

- Col.1:2; Eph.1:2
- Term used for “saints” is “*hagios*” or holy ones
 - An “aweful” thing
 - Sacred – physically pure, morally blameless, religiously consecrated
 - Most holy one, saint
- OT word used for holy ones is “*qadosh*”
 - 20+ times referring to supernatural beings
 - Dan.8:24 refers to people

Who are We? Children Of God

- Paul consistently uses this word that generally refers to Jehovah's divine council –Ps.89:5,7
- Dan.8:24 – The people who righteously stand for Christ in the last days
- In both situations it is the righteous sons of God, of the flesh and supernatural that are being referred to.
- He is talking about us! In God's eyes, we are to **CARRY**, bear, reflect the name of Jehovah
- In Jehovah's eyes, we are the holy ones

Who are We? Holy Ones

- Ps.89:5 – “Let the heavens praise your wonders o LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones”
- Holy ones - “*qadosh*”; assembly in GK Sept. is
- Assembly – “*ekkllesia*” the word used in NT for church
- We are “called out ones”, as children of God, as a nation of priests, set apart to God and holiness
- We are being prepared to serve our God in the eternal Edan, the home of God, the place where God does His business

Who are We? Holy Ones

- How does God view us now? Rom.8:1-4, 9-11; 2Cor.5:21
- Heb.2:5-12- 18 – Jesus will introduce us!
- Col.1:9-20 – A call to walk worthy
- 1:21 – A reminder from we have been called
- 1Cor.6:9-11, 19 – Live according to your calling
- Bear the Name, the Image of God through the Spirit God has given us. Not of fear, but One of POWER, LOVE and SELF-CONTROL.