

GOD'S WAYS (LOVE)

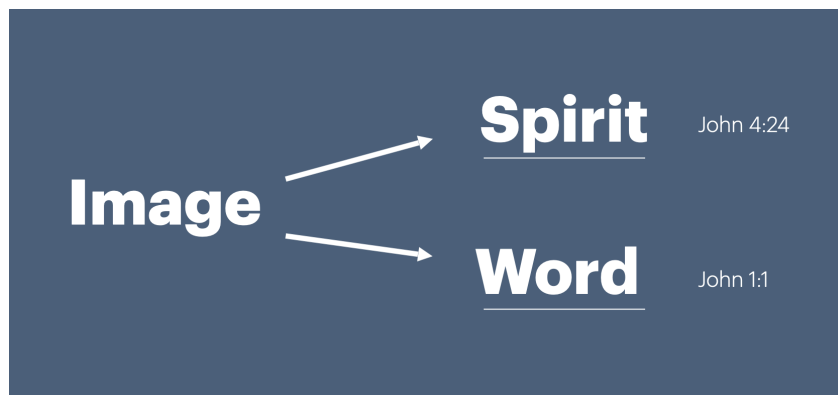
In session 1, we talked about how the enemy tries to question our identity. In his purpose, he wants to twist the scriptures. Give you a twisted version causing you to believe his lies. Taking you into a slave mindset.

Today, we will go deeper into what God created.

Genesis 1:26 And 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.

What is the image of God? What is this image that he created man into that looks like Him? What does scripture state that God is?

1. God is a Spirit (John 4:24)
2. God. Is. Word (John 1:1)



Think about it. God created you as a spirit being inside of your flesh. When your spirit leaves your body, Your body is dead. There is no life in it. Your flesh is like a car. It cannot drive itself without your spirit being inside of it.

God created you with the ability to speak words. There is "Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Proverbs 18:21
"That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matt 12:36

Remember, the enemy wants to stop you. If he can cause you to question your identity, then he can stop you from doing the will of God. So here is what happens. If you do not know that you are SPIRIT and WORD. Then you will not be able to be a TRUE worshiper. WHY? Jesus said, "they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth." John 4:24 This is the ONLY way that a true worshiper can in fact worship.

Not only this, When you realize what God created you and who you are. Then you can walk in that. Let me explain. WE have been given the Holy Ghost for what purpose? To make us happy? To save us from hell? NO! He gave us the Holy Ghost for the PURPOSE of making us a witness! Acts 1:8

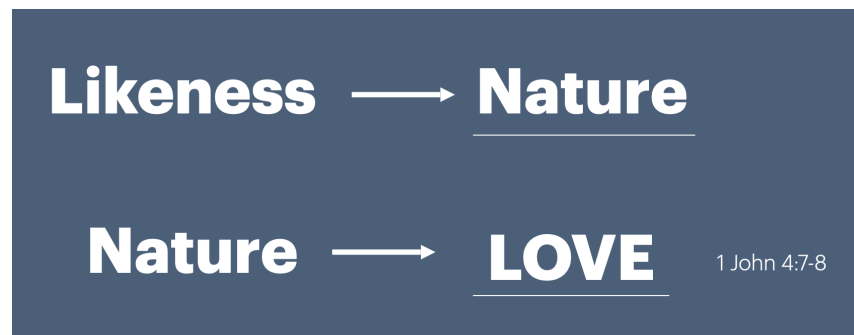
Let me explain. We can not properly witness to others if we do not know who we are. The Apostle Paul went into the synagogue. This was a place where there was a Jewish Rabbi. He taught people his point of view of the scriptures. After having 10 people agree with him and follow him, He would baptize them in his name. Therefore he is now able to to setup a synagogue for others to come and learn. Paul would visit them and when the reading of the word would take place, he then would bring out revelation of who Jesus is. Teaching them the truth of who Jesus is through the Old Testament scriptures. Which is the word. He would have people follow him out of the synagogues and receive the Holy Ghost (Spirit).

Then Paul went to the Gentiles. When he went to them, they didn't know ANYTHING about the scriptures. They worshipped many gods. Greek Mythology. Paul would pray for them and God would heal the sick, raise the dead, and God would do these signs, wonders, and miracles. Then he would bring them together and teach them the word.

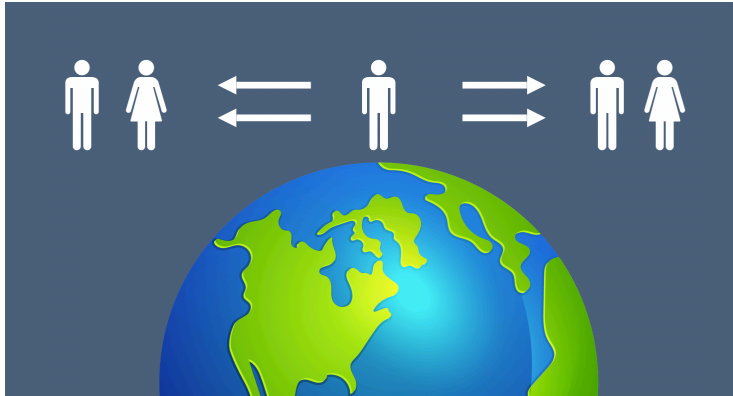
When you fully understand who you are, then you will understand God's ways in your life. To give you an example. If you owned a business, yet you walked in and acted like an employee. What kind of business would survive? An employee can not change the prices of products without permission from the owner. An employee can not make changes to the stores name or change the type of products that you would sell. But an owner can change everything. When we do not know who you are in God. We will not function how God created us to function.

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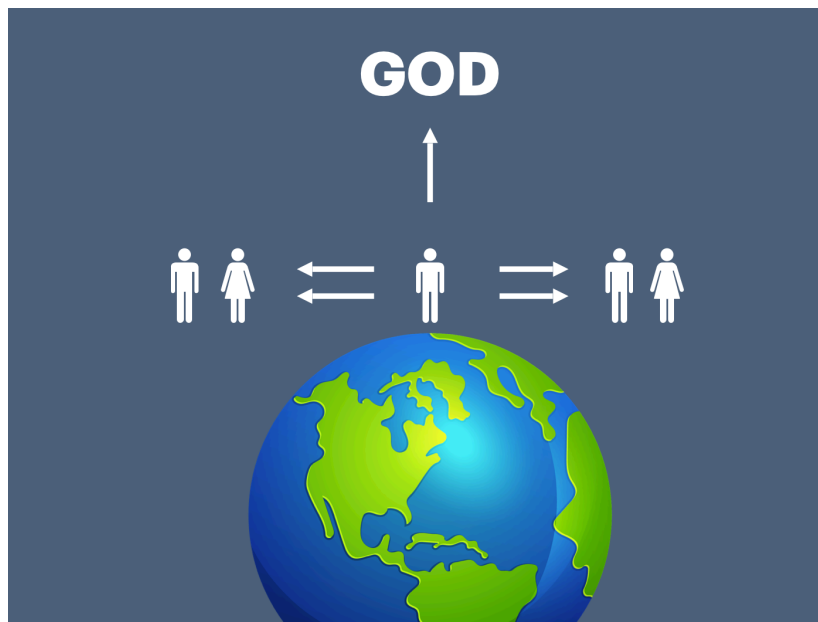
WE talked about the "image", now let us talk about the likeness of God. What is this? Likeness is the attribute of God. Another way of saying this, is that this is the nature of God. So what is the nature of God? God is LOVE. 1 John 4:7-8



Our problem in many churches today is that we do not really know God's true love. We do not know God's true nature of love. We say that we do, but our only examples of love that we see and what we imitate comes from our father and mother. Then we also see from our sisters and brothers of how they love us. This love is tainted. Perverted.



Here we are on top of the world. We see how our mother and Father loves each other. How they fight each other. How they hurt each other. We also see how that our sisters and brothers hurt each other. And how they stab us in the backs. For the purpose of getting on top. But the true. Understanding of God's perfect love, only comes from knowing God! Building a relationship with God. Knowing God. Seeing God.



From this point, God is our source of love. And we then are able to share with others His love. Why? Because we have received HIS love. WE can not give what we do not have. When we seek FIRST the kingdom of God. When we follow the FIRST commandment. Love the Lord with all thy heart, soul, mind, and strength. Then we receive HIS love, then we can GIVE love.

Calling and Gifts are without repentance.

What is a gifting? Pastor, etc.