God’s Plan

Even before the foundation of the world, God planned to create and make man based on His own image. *“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness”; God created man in His own image”. (Genesis 1:26-27)* When man fell into sin, he lost the image of God. However, God foresaw this possibility in His eternal plan, where there was a program of restoring His image in us. *(Behold, I come! In the scroll of the book it is written of Me. Psalm 40:7)*

„He ordained them… to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers”. (Romans 8:29)

„He chose us in Himself before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and faultless before Him”. (Ephesians 1:4)

That is why His Son came into our world. He came to restore what was lost in the Garden of Eden; to teach us, and to help us rebuild the image of Him, so that we may eventually become like Him, in order that we may be found worthy of the everlasting Kingdom. *(Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. Luke 13:24)*

Lord Jesus came on earth with the purpose of fulfilling God’s plan, to save all people who want to be saved. That is why He works with us through His Word and the Holy Spirit in order to restore what has been lost. When we enter His school, He gives us all the assistance we need for the restoration process.

The image of Christ in us will be our salvation. *(Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27; …until Christ takes shape in you! Galatians 4:19)*

Those who understand this plan and accept it will participate and work with God to model their character according to His, to work towards a heavenly character. *(For we are His piece of work, created in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:10; … we are God’s fellow workers. 1 Corinthians 3:9)*

We have no other purpose on earth but to build the image of God in us, so that we may dwell in eternity with the saints, with those who are like the image of His Son, people of the house of God. *(Ephesians 2:19)*

God’s plan is to live with those who are passionate of being like Him *(full of goodness…),* with those who put on the new man, made in His image*. (Put on the new man, made in the image of God. Ephesians 4:24)* But how does the Scripture describe the image of God?

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