

Sermon Study Guide – August 23rd, 2020

Today's Focus: "In His Smitten Image"

1) Introductory thoughts on today's message...

- ◆ Today as we “return to Eden”, we will see how God created Adam and Eve “in the image of God.”
- ◆ What does it mean to be “in the spitten image” of someone? What does it mean to be created in God's image? Is it what we still see in our world? If not, how can we return to it?

2) Today's Message: Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” ²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

Answer the following questions to help you follow the sermon...

1. *As we work through our sermon text...*

⇒ What is unique about the way God created us?

⇒ How do we define “the image of God”?

2. *As you listen to the remainder of the sermon...*

⇒ What is the natural, innate state of human beings today?
In whose image are they born?

⇒ Is the image of God lost to us forever? How can we
hope to regain it?

⇒ How is adoption an appropriate analogy for today’s topic?

⇒ Yet, in what ways does the analogy of adoption not capture
today’s topic?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week’s truths:

Monday: review John 1:1-18, Col. 3:1-10

Thursday: Galatians 3:15-29

Tuesday: review Psalm 17, Eph. 4:17-32

Friday: 2 Corinthians 3:7-4:6

Wednesday: John 3:1-21

Saturday: read/*review* Genesis 1:1-31