

Living by His IMAGE WORD

how we see ourselves



Your self image did not happen by accident, nor did it develop overnight. As one minister put it, "everything in life has an event and then a process".

The term "self image" implies what it says. It is something that you have formed; good or bad about yourself.

You either view yourself the way you really want to be, or an inferior view; the way you do not want to be. Whatever dominates your cognitive processes will dominate your life, whether it is positive or negative. It is often formed in us based on what we **think** others think about us and how people have treated us in the past. This can happen at a very early age or could be created by what is presently happening to us now.

When we accepted Jesus as our personal savior, we had no idea what we actually inherited in Christ Jesus. This is a huge "event" that occurred, but now there is the "process" to the understanding of what took place.

In coming to Christ we do not bring our old life up to a higher plane; we leave it at the cross. (**2nd Corinthians 5:14-17**) We leave our old self at the cross, even

the way we saw Jesus in our former way of thinking. (**vs. 16** "according to the flesh" & **vs. 17** "we are now a new creation". The Strong's Concordance says: "back to the original formation".

John 12:20 says, "For the kernel of wheat must fall into the ground and die."

We are resurrected to newness of life. God offers new life, but not an improved old life. The life He offers is new life: us being co-crucified and co-raised with Jesus on the cross **Colossians 3:1**.

The power that raised Christ from the dead now raises us to a **new** life along with Christ. Please take time to read **Romans 6:3-6**.

God delivered Israel from Egypt, but could not deliver Egypt from the hearts of the people of Israel. **Exodus 16: 3** the Bible is clear to tell us about how we obtain a self-evaluation, or self-image. **Proverbs 23: 7** says as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. The Hebrew word for **thinketh** is **sha`ar**...Meaning: **to split; to open; to act as a gatekeeper**. The City Gate

(a symbol of government) was where the people could gather for business and social events. The administration of justice was often handled at the gate. It was the place of controlled access to a walled or fortified city.

We are our own gatekeeper. We are in charge of what we let enter in or let out. We are responsible for our own gate, or

another way of saying it; our own way of thinking. God treats people as if they **ARE** what He says they are! He helps them to become what they are capable of becoming, and what **HE HAS** declared them to be in Him! That's why **2nd Corinthians 5:16** says, "from now on we regard no one according to the flesh, even Christ". Why? **verse 17**, because all things have become new. Paul said he labored in birth, until Christ be formed in you. (Fervent prayer like as a woman in child labor) **Galatians 4: 19**.

When I gave my heart to the Lord, I had no teaching as to what Christ has declared me to be in **HIM**. The teaching was basically confirming I was still an old sinner, but saved by grace. The doctrine of inner healing was being taught at this time, meaning: "my inner child was dominated by generational curses." Much to my frustration, none of this teaching did anything for me except brought me confusion and left me feeling like there was no hope for change in my life. I was still dominated by my own self image; how I saw myself.

Next month we are going to identify the attributes of self image and the process of how to change ours into His.

Love,

Pastor Jann

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Morning **10:30 AM** Wednesday Evening **7:00 PM**

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Dept. Head MTG | Monday, May 7th @ 6:30 PM

Men's Breakfast | Saturday, May 12th @ 8:30 AM in GRC

Mother's Day | Sunday May 13th

Women's Bible Study | May 15th is the last one until Sept.

adorned Young Ladies Conference | Saturday, May 19th
from 10:30 AM to 3:30 PM - **\$10**

OFFICES CLOSED - Memorial Day | Monday, May 28th

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Cultivate: Girls! Register for the Adorned conference! The event is \$10 on Saturday May 19th.

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