

“Image of God”

“Then God said, “ *Let us make man in our own image*”, *in our own likeness...*”

(Ge 1:26, 27)

“*When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image*”..

(Ge 5:3)

The Hebrew word means: resemblance
 representative figure
 signifies a replica
 sense of essential nature
 not an exact duplicate
 reflecting some of God’s perfection

“ *He (Christ) is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation*”.

(Col 1:15)

These words better describe Christ than mankind.

But then God did a marvelous thing to restore mankind: Ro 8: 2 - 5 : “ *...through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set us free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires, but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires*”.

Remember the Hebrew word for “image” said representative figure and reflecting some of God’s perfection.

Apostle Paul writes in 2 Cor 3:13,16,18 : “*We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at his face while the radiance was fading away... whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. We, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*”

So does God stop there? NO! Ge 9: 5b says- “*And from each man, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man*”. God asked Cain, “*Where is your brother Abel?*” And Cain responded to God, “*Am I my brother’s keeper?*”

We should ask ourselves the same question as a “true reflection of God”; **Am I being my brother’s keeper? Pray and ask God for guidance !**