

# MOBILISING KINGDOM LIVING

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# Reflecting God's Image (Imago Dei)





IMAGO DEI

*The entire world is a revelation of God, a mirror of His attributes and perfections. Every creature in its own way and degree is the embodiment of a divine thought. But among creatures, only man is the image of God, God's highest and richest self-revelation and consequently the head and crown of the whole creation, the imago Dei and the epitome of nature.*

Herman Bavinck

# 1. The Image Revealed – *Christ, the True Image of God*

Colossians 1:15-18a ESV

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> And He is the head of the body, the church.

## 2. The Image Restored – *Sharing in Christ's Dominion and Mission*

Hebrews 1:3 ESV

<sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

## 2. The Image Restored – *Sharing in Christ's Dominion and Mission*

Romans 5:17 ESV

<sup>17</sup> For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Matthew 28:18–19 ESV

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### 3. The Image Reflected – *Reflecting His Glory in Everyday Life*

Ephesians 4:22–24 ESV

<sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds; <sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

1 John 2:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.





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