“Restored In Our Father’s Image”

Genesis 5:1-3
The Beauty of Restored Antiques
The Beauty of God’s Work!

“Let us make man in Our image” (Genesis 1:26-27)

“made in the likeness of God” (Genesis 5:1)

“And God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good” (Genesis 1:31).
Snapshots of His Likeness!

“Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails…”

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)
God of the Bible is **Holy** and **Just** God!

“**God is light**, and there is no darkness in him at all” (1 John 1:5).

“...it is written, ‘**YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY**’” (1 Peter 1:16).

And He is **just**!

“**God is just**: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you” (2 Thessalonians 1:6).
“Then the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate it and keep it. The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."...

(Genesis 2:15-17)
Like God, We Are Given Dominion

“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it” (Genesis 1:18).

“What is man?... You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet” (Psalm 8:4,6).

Households, work, church community
Sin Twists and Distorts Our Free Choices to Mar His Creation

**Destroying** what’s created in His image: murder, abortion, environmental abuse

**Rejecting** what’s created in His image: Transsexual confusion

**Hating** what’s created in His image (Dr. Suess)

Racism – SBC + Evergreen College in May

**Wicked use of the tongue**: “...with it we curse men, who are made in the likeness of God.”

(James 3:9)
The Restoration Is a Spiritual Matter

“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work” (John 4:34).

“...accomplished the work which Thou hast given Me to do” (John 17:4)

“The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

His will: “For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son” (Romans 8:29).
Church Is A Fellowship With Our Father Where His Character Glows!

S.S. class reaching out to Shirley Foster
15-20 food backpacks to Oakwood / FL Branch
Sew + So preparing 3,000+ dresses
VBS staff loving children
Golden Chorale @ Smoky Springs
Week after week of AWANA memory work
Sanctuary choir dynamic Christmas/Easter
Youth ministry reaching youth on the fringe
TLP pushing through health challenges
Church blesses Chris Gaunt 5K in his honor
His Image Restored on Earth = His Coming Kingdom!

Church (The Bride of Christ on earth)

Preached to all nations (Matthew 24:14)

Kingdom Extension: (Isaiah 11:9)

“Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven”
“Light shines in the darkness...”