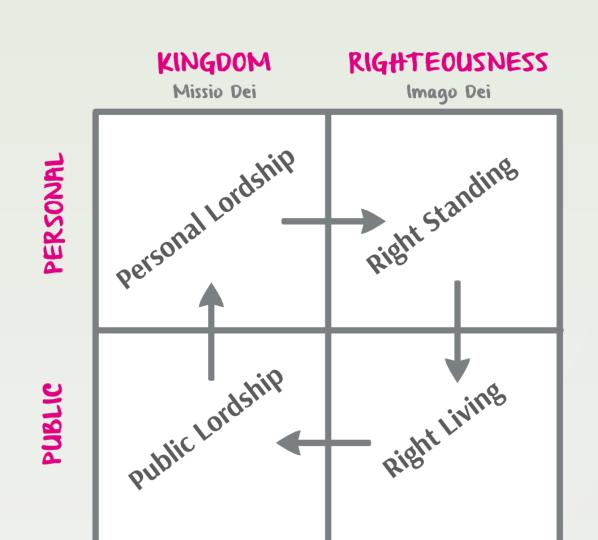
We are Image Bearers of Christ

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Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Gen 1:26-28 & 31

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Rom 8:29-30

But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away.

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

1 Cor 3:14 & 18

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Col 3:9-10

"To be renewed in knowledge according to the image of his/her Creator implies that believers should increase in their knowledge of the revelation and presence of Jesus Christ, according to who He is.

In this way their behavior will increasingly reflect the actions and behavior that are according to God's will (1:9–10) and done in the name of Jesus Christ (3:17)."

...to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Eph 4:22-24

"... baptism is a way for God to restore His image in people by working faith in them through the Holy Spirit." For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:27

"Paul's teaching that "as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27), In baptism, Jesus Christ clothes us with a garment of light, restoring us to our original vocation to become like God in holiness. He saves us from the nakedness and vulnerability of being enslaved to our own passions and to the fear of the grave. Through His and our baptism, He makes us participants in His restoration and fulfilment of the human person."

The Meaning of our Baptism

- 1. We are baptised into Jesus's death (Rom 6:3)
- 2. We are buried with Him (Rom 6:4; Col 2:12)
- 3. We are raised up with Him (Rom 6:5; Col 2:12; Eph 2:6)
- 4. We are seen by witnesses
- 5. We Confirm our Image restored
- 6. We Live in the New Life We live in Christ

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

1 Cor 5:17

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