

CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON

The Command to be Holy

Leviticus 19:1-2 Ye shall be holy for I am holy

Leviticus 20:26, 24 Be holy unto the LORD for he is holy, and has severed you from other people, that you might belong to the LORD (the key to holiness is being separate from others and separate from the world unto God)

- Definition of Holy: Hallowed; consecrated or set apart to a sacred use, or to the service or worship of God (means the same as sanctify)

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Come out from among them and be separate saith the Lord

Romans 12:1 The first verse is a type of the whole burnt offering under the OT law. He expected it in the morning and in the evening: likewise from the Christian he expects us to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, *which is your reasonable service*.

Conformity

Romans 12:2 – **Be not conformed to this world** – be transformed by the renewing (Titus 3:5, Ephesians 5:25-26) of your mind that you may prove what is that good acceptable and perfect will of God.

You cannot be holy and love the world and attach yourself to it

1 John 2:15-17

James 4:4

Ephesians 4:17-24

2 Peter 3:10-14

Romans 8:28-30 – **We are predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son**; if that is the case why not start conforming to that image now?

The whole purpose of your salvation is to make you like Jesus Christ, to renew you in the image of him that created him (Colossians 3:10). Adam and Eve were made in the image of God, what is or who is the image of God? It is Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:13-17, 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, Hebrews 1:2-3).

What is salvation? And what is God purpose and plan for the ages? Salvation is going back to Genesis 1 and 2 and picking up where it left off due to sin. Compare Genesis 1-2 and Ezekiel 47-48 and Revelation 21-22. God has made a way for us sinners to be forgiven and be remade in the image of God that we fell from. No one is in the image of God today (Genesis 5:1-3). And those that endure through the tribulation and millennial will need to eat of the tree of life to get eternal life.

Remember God wanted Adam and Eve to replenish the earth with sons of God (Genesis 1:27-28, Luke 3:38). What did God promise Abraham? (Genesis 15:4-6) Now there is an innumerable amount of stars.

Question: What would of happened if Adam and Eve didn't sin? The earth would have been over populated real quickly. Where would the sons of God go? They would

probably move out into the heavens. This is likely what will occur in eternity. Now we know that we are not going to be multiplying in eternity (Matthew 22:29-32) but what about those that are not resurrected? Clearly some live until the end of the millennial reign of Christ and many of them are Jews (See Isaiah 65:17-20, Isaiah 54:11-13, Isaiah 60:19-22). I believe that the Jews and Gentles will populating the heavens, but I could be wrong.

How are you conformed to the image of his Son?

Ephesians 4:11-15 – We are to grow up *into* Christ.

1 Peter 2:1-3 Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby

2 Peter 3:17-18 Grow in grace

Psalms 19:7-11 The word of God converts you, makes you wise

Psalms 119 – All about the written word of God

John 17:17 Sanctify them through the truth, thy word is truth

Matthew 4:4 Man needs to live by every word of God

Revelation 1:3 Read, understand, and keep what that book says (see Revelation 22:8-9)

You are conformed to the image of his Son by reading, understanding, and keeping his word. The final stage of this process is at the resurrection when your body will be changed and be made like unto his glorious body (Philippians 3:21), and so shall we ever be with the Lord: remade in the image of God and conformed body, soul, and spirit to the image of his Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.