

SERMON NOTES 5/2/26



When we have actual relationship with God, responding to Him in love rather than earning, we start to align with His image because His desires become our own and His ways become our natural.

1. **Colossians 2:8** speaks of not getting captured in anything other than Christ. To be captured in the image of Jesus means that you truly understand the work He did on the cross and resurrection really did pay all the debt of sin. Any teaching of earning your way to Heaven is contrary to that truth.
 - a. Good deeds are good, but they do not earn right standing, they are the fruit of union. When you allow yourself to surrender to Jesus, the more you surrender, the more fruit of God produces.
 - b. When you are captured in His image instead of other ideologies your life will align with the image of Christ by way of relationship, not earning through works.
2. **Colossians 2:9-10** tells us the fullness of God was in Jesus and we are made complete through our union. Being made complete is not the process; you have been made complete; the process is surrendering to the fullness of God that is in you by way of a union Jesus purchased the right for you to have.
3. The words “in Christ lives” is more accurately translated “Dwells or Settled in”. The fullness of God is settled in Him, meaning it is constant; it does not come and go. If we are made complete through union with Him; the same is true with us, that the fullness of God has settled in us. Therefore, life is now about earning His image, it is about stripping away everything that does not look like God so that His image is revealed, not earned.
4. When we become captured in Jesus’ image, His fullness will be displayed in us so that people will call on the name of the Lord through our life being representations of the Kingdom of God - a representation of the fullness of God - an image of Jesus here on the earth as it is in Heaven.