

Sermon Notes The Joy of Spiritual Sight Colossians 3:1-11

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Today we are centering ourselves on an important topic, called Imago Dei, which in Latin means, "______ of ______. When we think about someone or something being made in the image of another, we often think of them in ______ terms, but God is not made of ______, but of

______. Genesis 1, the very beginning provides us with the language to understand the "Makers ______ upon our lives.

Jesus said in John 4:24 that God is Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in ______.

Genesis 1:26-27 God said, "Let us make ______ in our image, in our _____, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; ______ and _____ he created them.

In Colossians chapter 3 The Apostle Paul challenges believers in the church at Colosse to set their ______ on things above where Christ is seated, meaning that all of our affections should be focused on the one who gives us strength to live free from earthly things that pull us away from Him and thereby one another. Paul goes on to encourage us to put on the ______ which is being renewed in knowledge and in the image of it's Creator.

"If all ______ are in fact made in or after the imago Dei then living as image bearers in the world becomes vitally important to our _____. Not only are we a ______ of our Maker but we are to reflect his character in the world. Moreover, our beliefs about the imago Dei will say as much about our ______ of humanity as they do about our understanding of God."

Answers in order: image, God, physical, flesh, Spirit, Mark, truth, man, image, male, female, minds, new self, humans, identity, reflection, understanding.