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## FINDING OUR TRUE IDENTITY “IN” GOD

*“I found myself in finding God. What I was searching for was my own identity, and without knowing it my search was for God.”* In Search of Myself, D. R. Davies

**Genesis 1:26** 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.”

*“The image is not an ability we have, but a status. We are God’s representatives on earth. To be human is to image God”* Unseen Realm, M. Heiser

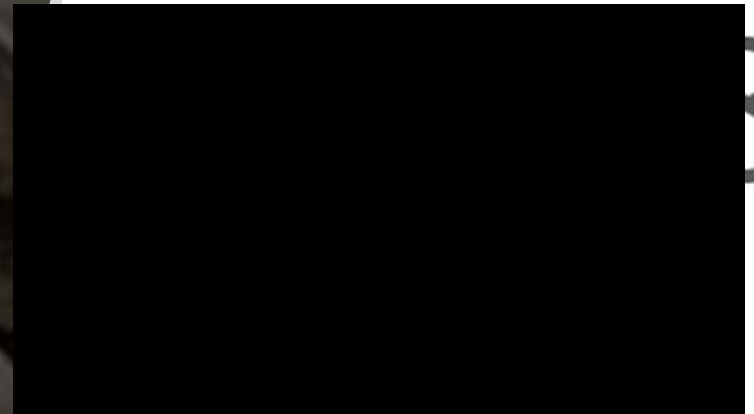
## Luke 4:18–19 (AMP)

18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity], 19 To proclaim the accepted and acceptable year of the Lord [the day when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound.]



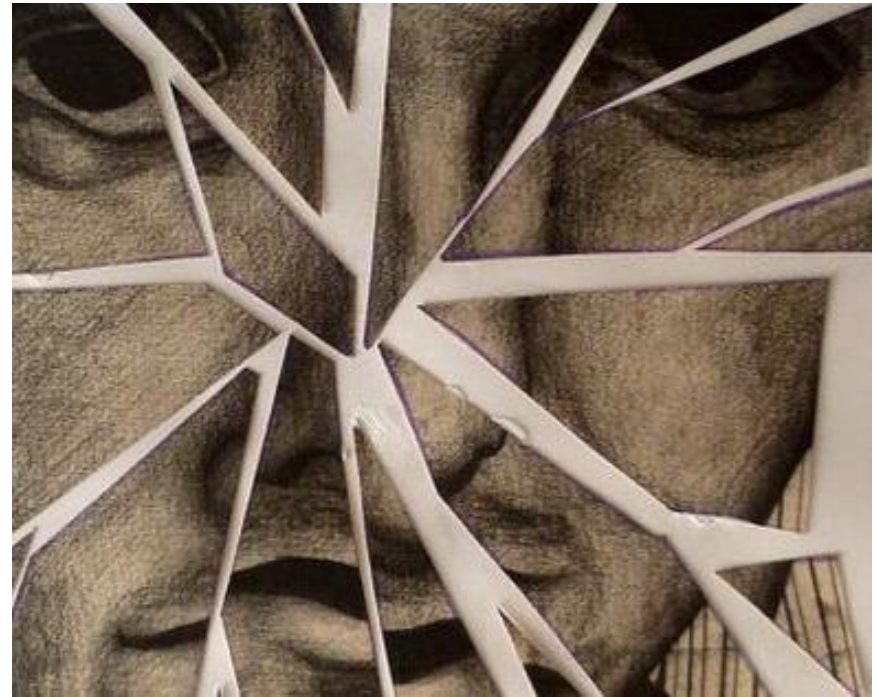


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IDENTITY  
ROMANS 12:2



# OUR FATHER'S HEART

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**YOU ARE  
GOD'S  
MASTERPIECE**

## **Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)**

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

## **Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



CREATED  
WITH  
DESIGN,  
INTENT,  
UNIQUENESS

**Psalm 139:13-16** 13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous-- how well I know it. 15 You watched me as I was being **formed** in utter seclusion, as I was **woven together** in the dark of the womb. 16 You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was **recorded** in your book. Every moment **was laid out** before a single day had passed.



CREATED  
FOR  
DOMINION

**Psalm 8:3-6** <sup>3</sup> *When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers-- the moon and the stars you set in place--* <sup>4</sup> *what are people that you should think about them, mere mortals that you should care for them?* <sup>5</sup> *Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.* <sup>6</sup> **You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority**



CREATED  
FOR  
PURPOSE  
AND  
DESTINY

- **Jeremiah 29:11** <sup>11</sup> For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.
- **Psalms 40:5** O Lord my God, you have performed many wonders for us. Your plans for us are too numerous to list.



CREATED  
TO BE  
LOVED

- **John 16:27** for the Father himself loves you dearly because you love me and believe that I came from God.
- **1 John 3:1** See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!



GOD  
EQUIPPED US  
TO FIND  
FULFILLMENT  
IN HIM

## Core Longings of the Soul (Dr. Terry Wardle)

1. Relationship with God—*Gen. 3:8; Deut. 5:6*
2. Safety & Security—*Psalms 18; Psalm 91*
3. Self Worth, Value, Unique—*Psalms 8:4-6, 139*
4. Unconditional Love—*Psalms 130:7*
5. Nurture—*Mt 23:37; Jer. 6:16; Psalm 91*
6. Encouragement to Develop Gifts/Talents—*Proverbs 22:6; Psalm 139; Jer. 29:11*

# COMPLETION FOUND IN GOD

## Basic Core Longings Empower Us For Life



When God created mankind, He created mankind to find fulfillment of all core longings in Him

## Damaged Or Unfulfilled Core Longings Cause Dis-Ease In Our Soul



When Our Souls are Dis-Eased, we begin to build walls or layers of insulation (coping mechanisms) around ourselves.

Layers of:

- Pain
- Protection
- Provision
- Punishment

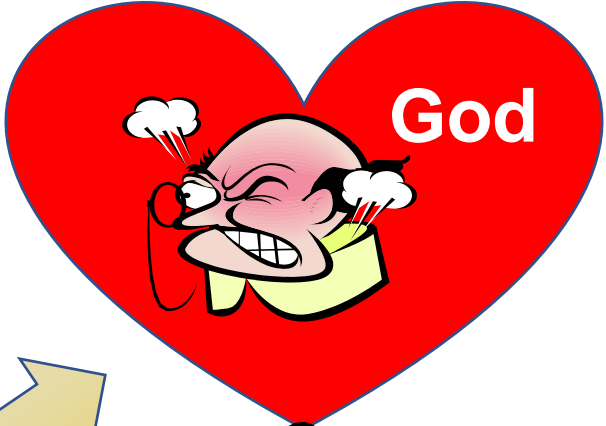
***Confident, successful, happy, a person with a plan and a purpose; loving and caring; free to be who you were created to be***



***Angry, rejected, depressed, addictions, rage, hurting others, hiding from life, denial of problems,***

# How God's Image Get's Distorted

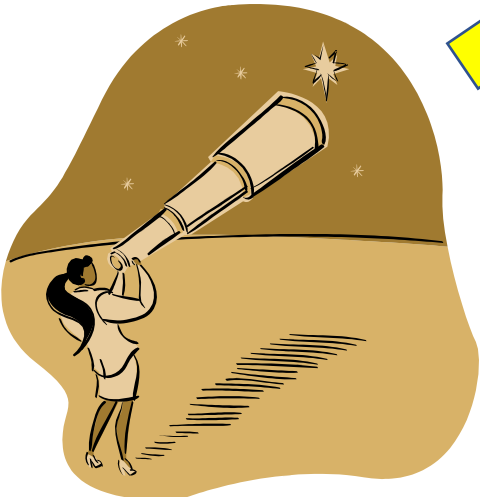
*AS WE SEEK GOD , WE  
LOOK THROUGH THE LENS  
OF OUR EXPERIENCES WITH  
OUR EARTHLY PARENTS*



*GOD TAKES ON THE  
IMAGE OF OUR EARTHLY  
PARENTS RATHER THAN  
A LOVING FATHER.*



*OUR OWN IDENTITY IS THEN RESHAPED BY  
PEOPLE RATHER THAN WHAT GOD HAS  
DECLARED ABOUT US AT CREATION.*



JESUS  
PURPOSE...  
TO  
DESTROY  
WORKS OF  
SATAN

**1 John 3:8 (AMP)** — The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].

Louw Nida Lexicon:

- Undo, Destroy; To Untie; set free; dismiss; do away with; put an end to

# DELIVERED US FROM POVERTY

**Luke 4:18** The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor

- **Poor**: One who is wrongfully impoverished or dispossessed (TDNT— Hebrew Equivalent)
- **Poverty**: the limitation or deficiency of any covenant blessing of God in our life that reduces God's people to begging

# DELIVERED US FROM CAPTIVITY

**Luke 4:18**..... *He has sent me to proclaim liberty (deliverance) to the captives*

- Deliverance : aphasis
  - *Used without any reference to what one is being delivered from. Therefore the work of Christ is to bring deliverance from anything that keeps man away from God. (CWSD of NT)*

- Captive ☐ “prisoner of war”

DELIVERED  
US FROM  
BLINDNESS

**Luke 4:18**..... and recovering  
of sight to the blind

Blind: Objects without light  
or access

**John 16:13** When the Spirit  
of truth comes, he will guide  
you into all truth. He will not  
speak on his own but will tell  
you what he has heard. He  
will tell you about the future.

**FREED US FROM  
DESTRUCTIVE  
CIRCUMSTANCES  
OF LIFE**

**Luke 4:18..... *to set at liberty  
those who are oppressed***

- oppressed (Greek-*tethrausménos*) crushed, bruised, oppressed, shattered

*It means Jesus came to deliver those broken and shattered by the circumstances of life.*

*JESUS CAME  
TO UNDO  
ALL THE  
WORKS OF  
THE DEVIL*

1. **GENERATIONAL CURSES-**  
*GOSPEL POWER PREACHED  
TO BREAK CURSES EX. 5:9*
2. **UNGODLY BELIEFS —**  
*“MINDS” OF THE BLIND  
OPENED 2 COR 4:4*
3. **DEMONIC OPPRESSION —**  
*RELEASE FOR THE CAPTIVES  
LUKE 10:19*
4. **SOUL WOUNDS —**  
*DELIVERANCE TO THE  
DOWNTRODDEN, BRUISED,  
CRUSHED MT. 11:28*

# GOD'S LOVE CLOSSES THE BOOK ON THE PAST

**LUKE 4:20 (NKJV) —**

**THEN HE CLOSED THE BOOK,**

AND GAVE IT BACK TO THE  
ATTENDANT AND SAT DOWN.

AND THE EYES OF ALL WHO  
WERE IN THE SYNAGOGUE  
WERE FIXED ON HIM.

**Your past no longer has  
the power to dictate  
your future**



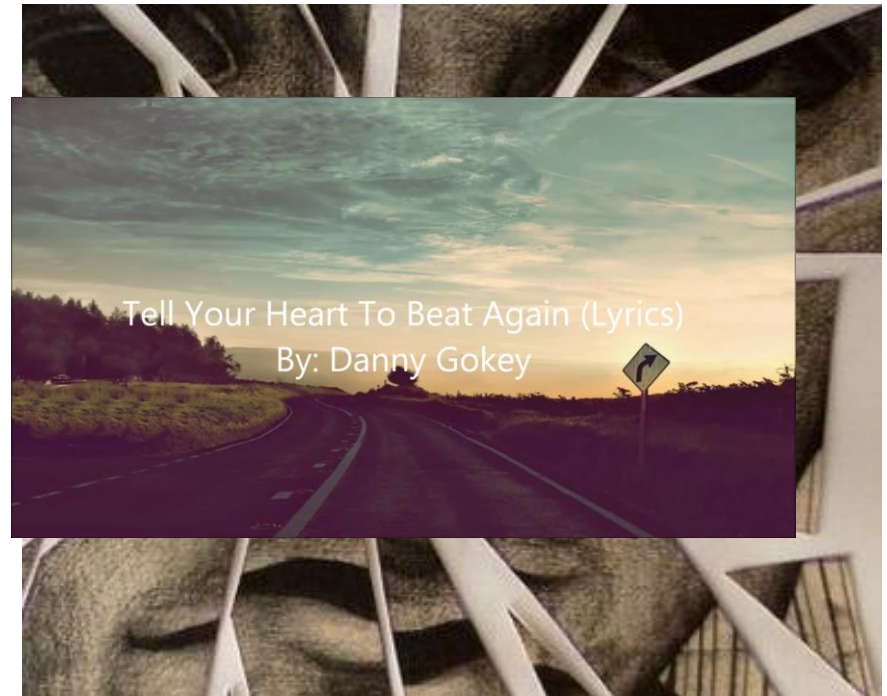
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