



*Welcome to  
Rehoboth New  
Life Center*

*Sunday  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016*

# *In his Image & Likeness*

## Part 1

### The Purposes of God



**Isaiah 43:7** Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

# *Three kinds of perfection*



Deuteronomy 1:39 Moreover your little ones, which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had **no knowledge between good and evil**, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

*Perfection due to innocence !*

Matthew 18:14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.



# *Three kinds of perfection*

Genesis 1:31 ¶And God saw **every thing** that he had made, and, behold, it **was very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

*Perfection through obedience(Faith)  
based on innocence!*



# *Knowledge of Good and Evil ?*



Isaiah 28:9 ¶ Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those **who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**



# *Three kinds of perfection*



Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, **and shall call his name Immanuel.**

15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may **know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.**

## *Perfection through obedience based upon knowledge*

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

# *What was Gods plan?*



Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the **knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man**, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, **may grow up into him** in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

# *The Purpose of God: Gods is Love*



1 John 4:16 - And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love**; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

*Love is Gods Nature/Essence*

*God cannot be otherwise than Love!*



# Love is selfless giving... is God

"Love is patient and kind;  
love does not envy  
or boast; it is not arrogant  
or rude....."

1 COR. 13:4-7

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1 Corinthians 13:4 Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails.

# *So God by Nature is Love*



**Romans 8:39 - Nor height, nor depth,  
nor any other creature, shall be able to  
separate us from the love of God, which  
is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

## *God is not free to change his nature!*

**Malachi 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change  
not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not  
consumed.**



# *God gave man Sovereignty/Dominion*



*Man had full Dominion*

*Now we have partial  
dominion*

Genesis 1:26 ¶ And 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 fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.



# *Mans Nature*

**DEAD**

**Ephesians 2: 1-3**

Ephesians 2:3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

# *Man by Nature can change!*

The 3 C's of life:  
**CHOICES, CHANCES, CHANGES.**

You must make a  
choice to take a chance  
or your life will never change.

- Start by making Choices
  - Choices become habits
  - Habits become our character
  - And our Character, if maintained becomes our Destiny
- (Greg Boyd)

# *Mans nature changes through the spirit*



Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

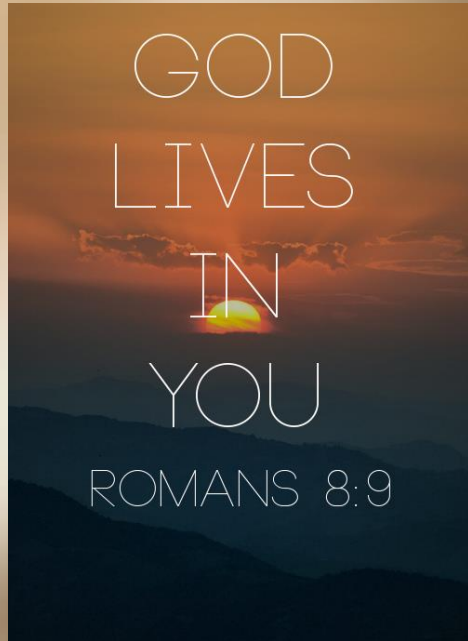


# *Why are you here ?*



Revelation 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

# *Changed into the image*



Romans 8:29 ¶ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be **conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

## *That we by nature become Love!*

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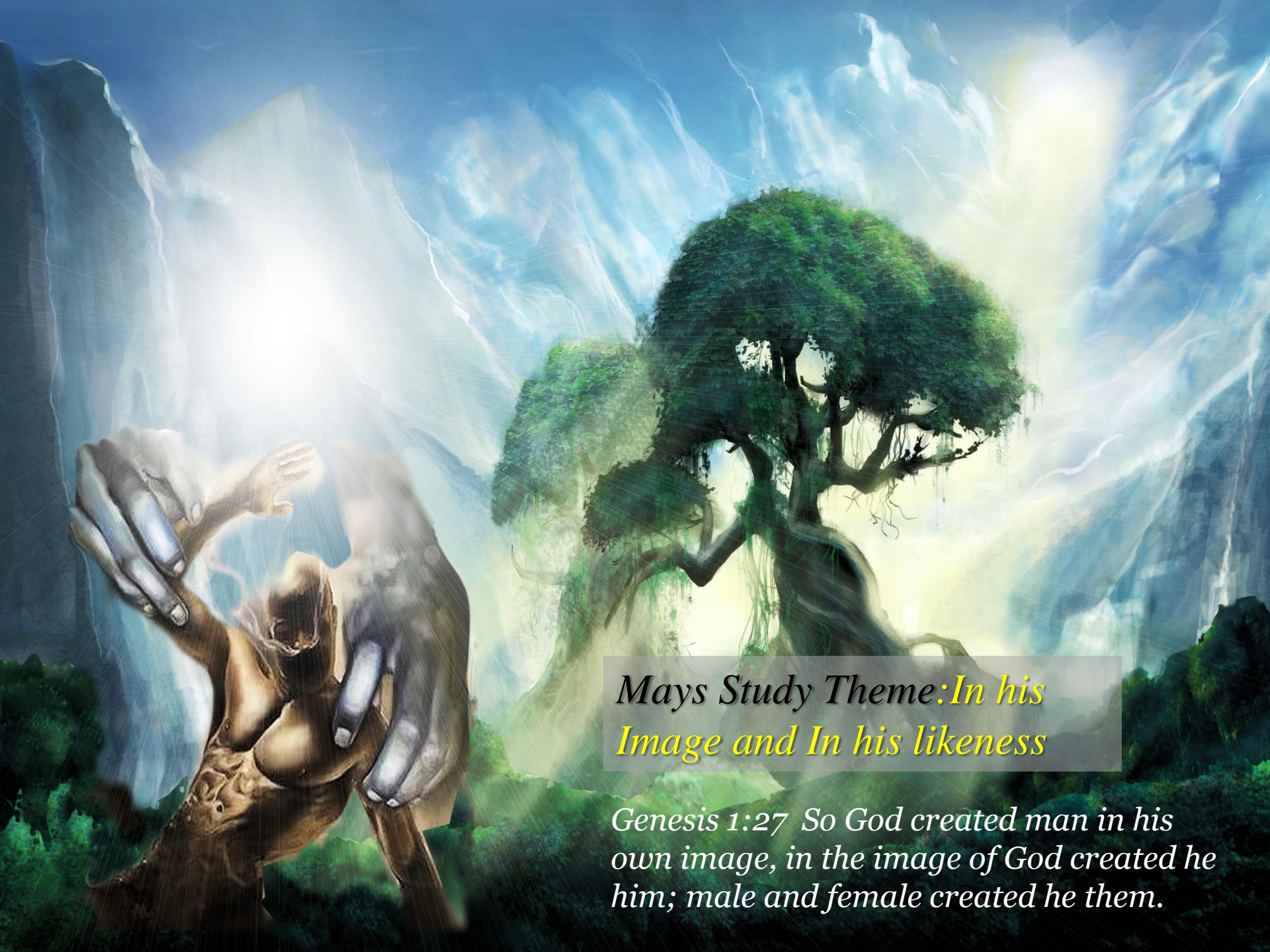
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