

## 05-GOD'S IMAGE

We know, according to the scriptures, that Adam and Eve were created in the image of God. *"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." Genesis 1:26 (New International Version)*

When the Bible tells us that Adam and Eve were made in the image of God, it does not mean that they had a nose because God has a nose or that they had two arms because God has two arms. That is not the image of God in which they were made. **God is a trinity**, that is, our Lord manifests himself to us in three ways. God the Father represents **the intellect of God**. God the Son represents **the material part of God**. God the Holy Spirit represents **the spiritual part of God**. It is impossible for us to understand, with our human minds, how God can be three and yet He is one. We find, however, that in John 14:9 Jesus Christ told the disciples that He called, taught, commissioned and empowered, *"he that hath seen me hath seen the Father."* (New International Version)

Also, Jesus Christ said the Lord is one. " <sup>29</sup> *And Jesus answered him: The first commandment of all is, Hear, O Israel: **the Lord thy God is one God**."* Mark 12:29 (Douay-Rheims Version, New Catholic Edition)

**Man is also a trinity**. In fact, man is the only creation of God that was created a trinity. We have **(1)** a material body. <sup>43</sup> *When the body is "planted," it is without honor, but it is raised in glory. When the body is "planted," it is weak, but when it is raised, it is powerful.* <sup>44</sup> *The body that is "planted" is a physical body. When it is raised, it is a spiritual body. There is a physical body, and there is also a spiritual body."* 1 Corinthians 15:43-44 (New Century Version)

" <sup>1</sup> *For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens.* <sup>2</sup> *For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven:* <sup>3</sup> *if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.* <sup>4</sup> *For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life.* <sup>5</sup> *Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who*

gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in **the body**, we are absent from the Lord <sup>7</sup> (for we walk by faith, not by sight); <sup>8</sup> we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all be made manifest before **the judgment-seat of Christ**; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath done, whether it be good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (American Standard Version)

We have **(2)** a spiritual body. <sup>42</sup> It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. <sup>43</sup> Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. <sup>44</sup> They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. **For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.**" 1 Corinthians 15:42-44 (New Living Translation)

And we have **(3)** intellect, that is, we have the ability to think and make decisions of our own free will. <sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual; but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin. <sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. **For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self,** <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin." Romans 7:14-25 (New Revised Standard Version)

<sup>14</sup> Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him with a perfect and most sincere heart: and put away the gods (אֱלֹהִים-*the three mighty ones*) which your fathers served in Mesopotamia and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> But if it seem evil to you to serve the Lord, you have your choice: choose this day that which pleaseth you, whom you would rather serve, whether the gods

(אלהים-the three mighty ones) which your fathers served in Mesopotamia, or the gods (אלהים-the three mighty ones) of the Amorrhites, in whose land you dwell: but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:14-15 (Douay-Rheims Version, New Catholic Edition)

It is the spiritual body that is born again at the moment of salvation, not the material body. We will speak more about this in a future article.