



“Bearing the Image of God”

The basic paradox that is at the heart of the Christian Gospel - death leading to life, darkness giving way to light, suffering as the road to glory.

When we love our neighbour as ourselves, we are loving those who themselves are unique reflections of the presence of God. We cannot love God and be indifferent to others. We have to learn how to love those who are not perfect. We have to learn how to love those who are outcasts. We have to learn how to love those we might feel very naturally repelled by. What Jesus says in the Gospel is that there is no way we can claim to love God without being accountable to love and serve others.

At the heart of the Gospel message, we have a reminder of how we are to accomplish this and how we are to love. The complete picture found in Scripture keeps going back to the fact that we can't do this on our own. We have to be in a disposition where we are radically open to a Spirit of love that lives and breathes inside each of us.

Our task is to take on the image of God, day by day, every day - so that we will always see something we have never seen before. It's all about listening with open ears and a fresh heart. It is about crossing over into uncharted lands. It is about constant, interior conversion.

It is about a Kingdom based on Love: Love of God and Love of Neighbour.



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