

Personal Study

Image Bearers...Attributes of God • Week of January 5

What God says, goes. Just as the first beam of sun breaks over the horizon—and no one can stop it—God has the power to speak light into your soul and the darkness must submit. The question is, will you allow God to speak light into *you*? It is a good idea to ask Him now. You are made in the *imago dei*, God's image, and God loves you deeply. His Spirit moves over you even at this moment and desires to introduce you to His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Think about this: In the beginning, though darkness covered the deep waters, God's Spirit moved and glorious light interrupted the night. God separated light from darkness. Since God is light and love, it makes sense that God is good and merciful. He is our heavenly Father – the ultimate Leader – who shines light and showers compassion over all His creation, including you. God is never indifferent to the difficulties you face. He knows every detail of your life.

Read Genesis 1:1-5, 27-31

God is the Source of all good things (James 1:17), and God respects you. The Lord graciously stands at the door of your heart, hoping that you will personally (and respectfully) invite Him in: "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends" (Revelation 3:20).

1. Have you invited the LORD into your heart? How is God's image restored in individuals who ask the LORD Jesus into their hearts and give Him permission to lead their lives?

The Psalmist knew the benefits of allowing the LORD God to lead in his life—
"But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread your protection over them, that all who love your name may be filled with joy. For you bless the godly, O LORD; you surround them with your shield of love" (Psalm 5:11-12)

2. Name one way, you have personally experienced God surrounding you with a 'shield of love' this past year.

What attributes of the LORD God have you personally experienced in your life to date?

Just as God created your physical body to push out a splinter, small piece of glass, or some other foreign object—God has divinely designed your spirit to push back darkness as you *daily* live in the light of His presence. One day Christ the Morning Star will break upon the horizon (2 Peter 1:19) and there will be no stopping the Son of God! Christ will come again, and He wants you to be ready. Lay at His feet now any pain or struggle you are facing. Ask the Lord to heal you, to make you whole. He has the power to restore you back to His image. Pray—

Lord, thank you for making me in your image. Thank you for loving me enough to take my place on the cross. I believe your light is greater than the darkness. Will you speak light into my darkness? Please make me new; I invite you into my life today. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

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To restore what was lost

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Additional Attributes of God - Campus Pastors' Responses

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