

The process of becoming imagers

1- God had a dream → He wanted “Imagers” to act/represent Him as Him
So, God created MAN and placed Him in the garden → Gave Mandate!

Here is what man was to do:

Man was to rule in a lesser realm (physical realm)
however this rulership was to grow and become
very great! (Grow it to be great just like the
spiritual realm) **Take time!**

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Gen 1:26-30 TPT shows this mandate:

26 Then God said: "Let us make a man and a woman **in our image to be like us**. Let **them reign** over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the livestock, over the creatures that creep along the ground, and over the wild animals."

27 So God created man and woman and shaped them **with his image inside them**. In his own beautiful image, he created his masterpiece. Yes, male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them in his love, saying: "**Reproduce** and be fruitful! **Populate the earth and subdue it**. **Reign** over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and every creature that lives on earth."

29 And God said: "**I give you every** seed-bearing plant growing throughout the earth, vegetables, and every fruit-bearing tree with its seed within itself. They will be your food.

30 They will also be food for every animal and bird, and every creature that moves on the ground— every creature with the breath of life. And so, it happened. TPT

Adam and Eve forfeited their mandate in the garden of Eden through sin,
Set in motion the Old Testament.

Man’s mandate was never removed, only forfeited Temporarily.

- God immediately set in motion a plan to redeem mankind and recover His mandate.
- This took **1000’s of years** till Christ would come.
- **Communication with God was Greatly limited** in Old Testament times.
 - Some men greatly prospered in communications with God (Enoch, Abraham, Moses, other) but most lost all communication with God.
- Man’s communication with God, and his ability to “Image God” needed to be redeemed. The atonement for all sin needed to be made.

Environment in the garden:

- They had face to **face relationship and habitation with God all the time**. They could see the spirit realm.
- Even though their domain was the physical realm, **beings from the spirit realm (Elohim, etc.) were present and viewed what God was doing... It was all out in the open for all to see!**
- **Time existed here (different than the time is spirit realm)**

2 – God’s Plan

GOD’S PLAN: Jesus Christ (God Himself) comes to earth to
Restore the broken relationship with mankind.
Give mankind a new nature and
Empower mankind so that mankind could “ACT FOR GOD!” Image Him
Restore EDEN relationship

NOTE:

- God could not have come in the form of GOD to redeem man. It would have resulted in the same thing as in Eden.
- God Plan: Man had to made into a new creature, “with his (God’s) image/nature inside them”.
Jesus needed to come as a man like us. He was still fully God, but also now fully man.

God’s Plan:

(Heb 1:5-6 LEB) 5 For to which of the angels did he ever say, "You are my son, today I have **begotten** you," and again; **"I will be his father, and he will be my son"**? 6 And again; when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "And let all the angels of God worship him".

The God that was spirit in EDEN became physical on earth!

Jesus is “Begotten”. It is best to **understand the term “brought forth/Begotten”** in the sense of **“revealed in a unique way”**. in **this instance; the full incarnation of Yahweh.**

- **Father God “fathered” Jesus!** (See Heb 1:5,6)

3 – God communicates to man just as in EDEN! Gives mankind new natures

Heb 1:1-2 NET “1 After God spoke long ago in various portions and in various ways to our ancestors through the prophets, 2 **in these last days he has spoken to us in a son**, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he created the world.”

God Speaks **[THE SAME GOD THAT SPOKE IN EDEN NOW SPEAKS on earth]**

God Speaks!

Here is how He communicated with mankind

#1 To People Physically. 1Jn 1:1 TPT We saw him with our very own eyes. We gazed upon him and heard him speak. Our hands actually touched him, the one who was from the beginning, the Living Expression of God.

#2 Verbally and physically for 33 years with His “earthly family” and His disciples. **God communicated in this time, on-on-one in the physical environment He created. He created and show us His love personally!**

#3 By Dying and making atonement for our sin! He spoke to the **Spirits in prison:**

1Pe 3:19 TPT He went in the spiritual realm and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison. Although there is a lot of controversy over this verse, I believe that these spirits included those that died before the time of Christ.

#4 He arose from the dead – giving believers a “new nature” like His!

Spoke to Many from Jesus’ resurrection until His ascension.

- At this time, Jesus appeared with His new body (like the ones we will have!)
- **Remember!** But this time, the disciples had new natures!
- **Believing in Jesus enables the disciples to have new natures, in addition to being made in God’s image!** They would not realize much of this until Holy Spirit came at Pentecost! We know His disciples had new natures ... see next paragraphs.
- **Note:** After Christ’s death and before His ascension, Jesus communicated via various appearances and encounters with those that believed He was God! In those appearances He had physical touch and He ate with His disciples (those who believed in him). This is reminiscent of
Exo 24:11 “... and they saw God, and they ate and drank “

#5 Currently, through many **personal encounters** by all of us by Holy Spirit and Jesus! These encounters we currently called ascended encounters, where we see and talk to Jesus and Holy Spirit, and Father God face to face!

4 – Christ's Ascension → Jesus returns to sit on the highest throne

When Jesus arose:

Joh 20:17 **AMP** Jesus said to her, Do not cling to Me [do not hold Me], for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to **My brethren** and tell them, I am ascending to **My Father and your Father**, and to My God and your God. → **We sons/daughter of God! → We have a new nature!**

2 Cor 5:17 **AMP** Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

Then Jesus ascends to the father

Heb 1:3-4 **AMP** 3 He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. **When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high,** 4 [Taking a place and rank by which] He Himself became as much superior to angels as the glorious Name (title) which He has inherited is different from and more excellent than theirs.

Jesus took us with Him (in the spirit realm)

When He sat down **WE ARE WITH HIM (With Our New Natures!)**

Eph 2:6-7 **NET** 6 and **he raised us up together with him and seated us together** with him in the heavenly realms **SPIRIT REALM** in Christ Jesus, 7 to demonstrate **They will see us there!** in the coming ages the surpassing wealth of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

When Jesus returned to Father God, He took us with Him! (There now!)

- We are seated (Ruler status with Him)
 - This means we have direct continual access to Jesus Christ, Father God and Holy Spirit Who all live in us!
- **THIS IS JUST LIKE IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN AND HE WAS ON EARTH WHEN HE WALKED WITH US –**
 - **THIS DID NOT GO AWAY WHEN JESUS ASCENDED! → WE still communicate/interact!**
- **We are like Him! We have A new nature like His! WE image Him!**

What Jesus did!

- Accomplished The restoration of man as His imagers
- Accomplished everything needed to for mankind to rule over creation,
- Jesus (having gotten it done) now goes and sits down at the highest position in the all creation, sat down next to the divine Majesty on the high.
- **Believer are Imagers with New Natures (New Species created) Jesus living in us (WE THE) Believing followers of Jesus Christ are the fulfillment of God's plan to have humanity join the divine family-council and restore Eden. Eph 2:6**
 - **There is greatness in being a “IMAGER” of God!**

After Jesus made atonement for sins and ENABLED US

- TO HAVE NEW NATURES,
- TO BE “SONS OF GOD”, AND
- TO HAVE OUR ABILITY TO OPERATE IN THE PHYSICAL AND SPIRIT REALMS **at the same time ESTABLISHED, THEN He returned and sat down at the right hand of God (Now our Father too!).**
- We are now “Special Imagers” of God! We are a new SPECIES! Jesus now has millions and millions of believers that have **new natures and have become “IMAGERS” in a new “believing” creation.** **This has profound implications for us and the world!** AND THAT IS NOT ALL! That's still not the full story We will be made like him (1 John 3:1-3). **And! we will become divine:**
 - 1Jn 3:2 TPT Beloved, **we are God's children right now;** however, it is not yet apparent what we will become. But we do know that when it is finally made visible, **we will be just like him,** for we will see him as he truly is.

It was always the desire of God to have a group of men and women “image” Him since EDEN.

That is now reestablished! EDEN HAS RETURNED!

All the things (communication, authority, working with God daily) are now available to us... JUST LIKE IN EDEN!

5- What Jesus has done:

- Forgave our sins... Made atonement for us
- Enabled us to have new natures and
- Be a new creation, and
- Sat us next to Him in heavenly places.

Now, what needed was power.

(He couldn't fill our old natures!) BUT NOT HE COULD!

At Pentecost:

- POWER given to us at Pentecost. At **Pentecost**
- **God's Holy Spirit was Given to us**
- **He entered into believers with the new natures and filled them,** and
- power from on high was given to us!
- NOTE: Now the Trinity (Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit) live in us!

This fully enable us to be imagers of GOD fully and completely!

Scriptures:

- Joh 14:16 TPT (16-17) And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth, who will be to you a friend just like me—and he will never leave you. The world won't receive him because they can't see him or know him. But you will know him intimately, because he will make his home in you and will live inside you.
- Joh 14:21 TPT Those who truly love me are those who obey my commands. Whoever passionately loves me will be passionately loved by my Father. And I will passionately love you in return and will manifest my life within you."
- 2Co 5:17 TPT Now, if anyone is enfolded into Christ, he has become an entirely new creation. All that is related to the old order has vanished. Behold, everything is fresh and new.

6 - What about us now

We are (Jesus' imagers) now can interact in both the physical and spirit realms simultaneously!

We are able to see/encounter spirit stuff (Rev 4:2).

We are taking on where Jesus left off!

He is fully within us and Holy Spirit lives in us! We can do the stuff that Jesus desires, totally free and unencumbered!

Remember:

Joh 14:23,26 **TPT** (23) Jesus replied, "Loving me empowers you to obey my word. And my Father will love you so deeply that we will come to you and make you our dwelling place (26) But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like me who sets you free, he will teach you all things in my name. And he will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you.

Here are the activities we are afforded due to our new creation relationship with God:

- **We now can communicate with Jesus just like when Jesus was on earth.**
 - **This type of person-to-person communication did not end!**
- Meet with and interact with Jesus, Father, Holy Spirit ONE-ON-ONE
- Carry out instruction of Jesus from verbal communication (eye-to-eye) just like with His disciples on earth!
- Have a relationship with Jesus where your life changes as you sit and talk with Him.
 - **This is more than feeling His presence... WE ARE SONS AND DAUGHTERS** who know and interact with Him. We DO "EXPLOITS" with Him!
- Have Jesus teach us and demonstrate how to rule over realms of His kingdom (there are many and they are very diverse)
- The one-on-one relationship with Jesus enables us to greatly accelerate our growth in closeness and unity with Him!

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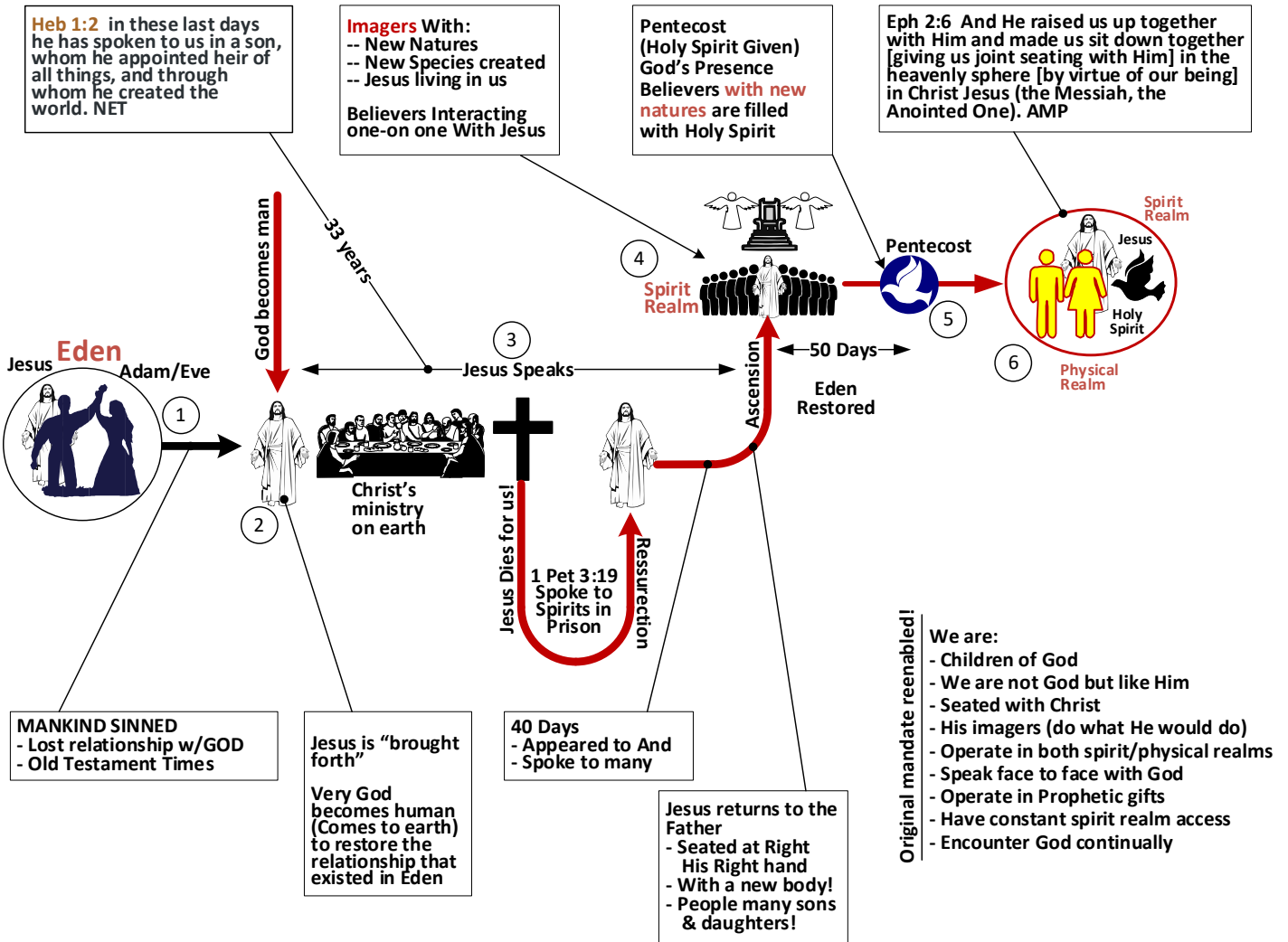
We are now seated with Christ Eph 2:6 TPT He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!

- We need to see ourselves seated/ascended with Christ.
- We need to see ourselves as His imagers in this world.
- We need to see that we have constant SPIRIT REALM ASCENDED **access** to Father, Jesus (Son), and Holy Spirit.)

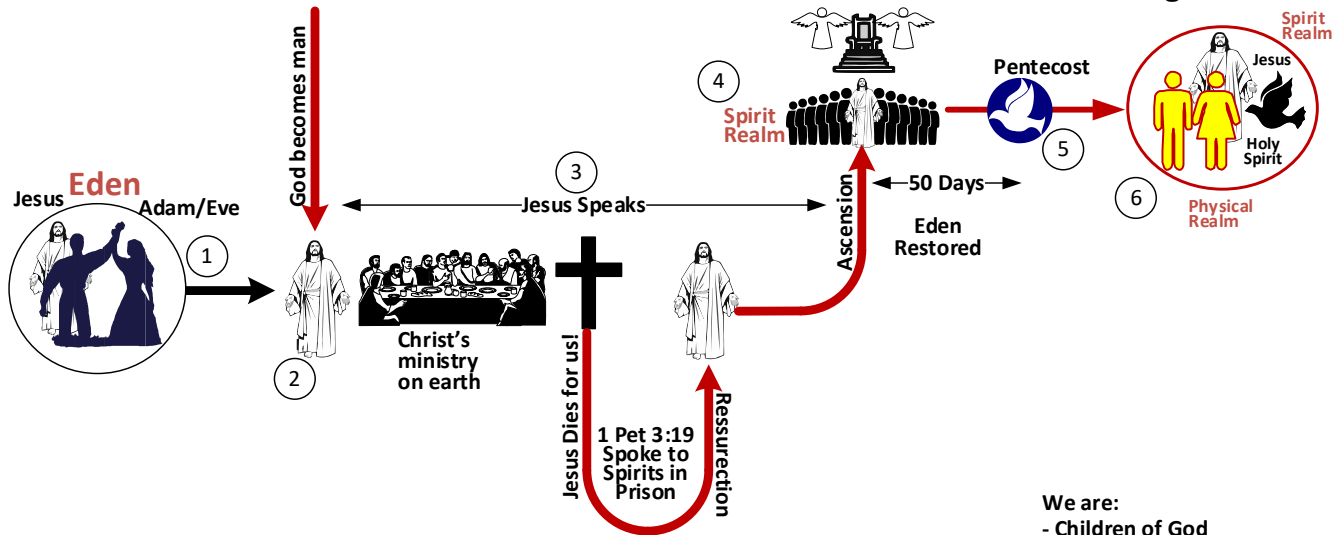
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