

# IMAGO DEI

(The Image of God)

# I AM BY GRACE

*"But by the grace of God I am what I am,  
and His grace toward me was not in vain..."*

1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

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**Genesis 1:26** *Then God said, “Let Us make man **in Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.*



**God's image** - Character

**God's likeness** - Outward witness

**Dominion** - Responsibility, tasks, duty, service

**Fruitful** - Utilizing abilities and gifts

**Multiply** - Reproduce yourself, empower others

**Subdue** - Create and maintain order



**What is the Imago Dei?**

**Imago Dei is the Latin term for “image of God.”**

Knowing who you are is foundational to both a healthy self-image and a strong sense of purpose.



# Grace is God's Resource for You

2 Peter 3:18

*But **grow** in the **grace** and knowledge of  
our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*



## God's Purpose for You You are "By Grace"

1 Corinthians 15:9, *For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 **But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.***



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## Quotes by Daniel Coyle:

“Although talent feels and looks predestined, in fact we have a good deal of control over what skills we develop, and we have more potential than we might ever presume to guess.”

“Struggle is not an option: it's a biological requirement.”

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“Deep practice is built on a paradox: struggling in certain targeted ways—operating at the edges of your ability, where you make mistakes—makes you smarter.”

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

~ W. B. Yeats

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# **“Great Grace” Comes from Imago Dei**

**Acts 4:33**

*And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.  
And **great grace** was upon them all.*



- **Great Grace** is not a different type of Grace.
- **Great Grace** is your awareness and receptivity to what God is doing.
- **Great grace** is the measure God gives when you determine to do His will.



# Knowing Imago Dei in Yourself Gives You Passion for Others

**Romans 9:1**, *I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, 2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. 3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, **my kinsmen** according to the flesh...*



## Restoring Imago Dei in Community

“And at the core of urban apologetics is a restoration of the Imago Dei . Racial injustice and inequity have created a complex need to **affirm humanity** while challenging human sinful pride. Scripture demands that we treat all people as bearers of God’s image.”

– Eric Mason, Urban Apologetics (p. 32).



Slavery and injustice was and is wrong on every level, especially in light of the fact that people are made in the Image and likeness of God



- Terms that are used show lack of awareness of Imago Dei.
- People were never **SLAVES**, there were **ENSLAVED PEOPLE**.
- **“Slave”** is the identity imposed by oppressors who denied their humanity.
- **“Enslaved People”** keeps the focus on the evil doers.



## G.R.A.C.E.

**Give:** Give what God has given you to give.

**Reach:** Go for more than business as usual.

**Accept:** Embrace the new things God was doing in your life.

**Clear:** Clear the old behaviors to make room for God's best ways.

**Elevate:** Giving, Reaching, Accepting and Clearing lead to an Elevation or "Great Grace!"