

# SESSION TWO: THE IMAGE, SHATTERED IN HIS IMAGE | SIN, LOVE & THE IMAGO DEI

# A GUIDING SCRIPTURE:

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

1 John 4:7-9

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"You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 2:16

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# **SHALOM**

Hebrew word meaning perfection, wholeness, peace; shalom is the perfect standard of God.

## SIN

All that is not shalom; any action, thought, attitude, motive that breaks from, rebels against, or improperly reflects the perfect standard of God.

# BECAUSE WE ARE IMAGO DEI, EVERY TIME WE SIN, WE ARE PROCLAIMING LIES ABOUT GOD.

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And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."

Genesis 3:2-3

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# What did God actually say?

"You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 2:16

But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Genesis 3:4-5

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So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:6

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For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

1 John 2:16-17

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### **IMAGO DEI**

The MIND: think, plan, process, reason, discern, judge; the conscience, moral compass
The AFFECTIONS: care, desire, longings
The WILL: carries out what the mind approves and the affections desire

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### THE MIND

# **WATCHMAN** of the SOUL

Luke 24:45, Romans 8:6, Romans 12:2, James 1:8, 2 Corinthians 4:4, 11:3

Holds the STANDARD OF THE WORD so we can discern "Is this of God?" "Will this please God?" "Does this line up with imago Dei?" "Does this reflect Him well, accurately, or at all?"

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### TWO WAYS OF SINNING

### Sins of COMMISSION:

When we do what we ought not do; willful, purposeful, intentional

### Sins of OMISSION:

When we do not what we ought to do; neglect, apathy, laziness
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# Is sin just bad behavior?

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### Our DESIRES reveal what we LOVE

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

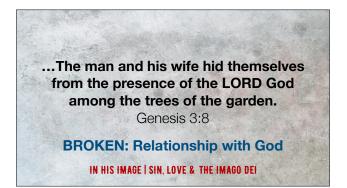
James 1:14-15

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Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Genesis 3:7

**BROKEN: Relationship with Self** 



The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Genesis 3:12-13

**BROKEN: Relationship with Others** 

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# **GENESIS 3:14-19**

Proclamation of the curse, protoevangelium (foreshadowing, the "first gospel")

BROKEN: Relationship with Self, Others, God, Creation



