In the Image of God

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hether you believe it or not will not change this truth: <u>ALL</u> men, every where, are created in the image of God. God spoke to Moses, and told him to write down these words: "<u>And God</u> <u>said</u>, <u>LET US</u> make man <u>in our image</u>, <u>after our like-</u> <u>ness</u>: and let them have dominion <u>over the fish of the</u> <u>sea</u>, and <u>over the fowl of the air</u>, and <u>over the cattle</u>, and <u>over all the earth</u>, and <u>over every creeping</u> thing that creepeth upon the earth. So <u>God created man in</u> <u>his own image</u>, in the image of God created he him; <u>male and female</u> created he them" (Genesis 1:26-27).

God has told us through His Son Jesus what His image is: "God is a <u>SPIRIT</u>: and they that worship him <u>must</u> worship him <u>in spirit and in truth</u>" (John 4:24).

God has also told us what a spirit looks like. Jesus told his disciples, "...for a spirit <u>hath not</u> flesh and bones, as ye see me have" (Luke 24:39). Although a spirit is invisible, and God, being a Spirit is also invisible, God has described His feet ("...the clouds are the dust of his <u>feet</u>" - Nahum 1:3), His eyes ("The <u>eyes</u> of the Lord are in <u>every place</u>, beholding <u>the evil and the good</u>" - Proverbs 15:3), and His hands ("It is a fearful thing to fall into the <u>hands</u> of the living God" - Hebrews 10:31), just to name a few.

All men are spiritual beings, clothed in a body of flesh, just as Adam was clothed, formed out of the dust of the ground ("*And the Lord God <u>formed man of the dust of</u> <u>the ground</u>, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" - Genesis 2:7.)*

When we die, our bodies go back to dust, but we, ourselves, being an eternal spirit, will enter into the eternity of darkness, or the eternity with our Creator, God, depending, of course, whether we believe the word of God **NOW**, or not.

Now that you're are all grown up, perhaps with a college degree, you think you've got it all figured out. But all your good works and good deeds, all your good intentions and sincerity of soul, adds up to **FILTHY RAGS**.

It is written in the word of God, "But we are <u>ALL</u> as an <u>unclean thing</u>, and <u>ALL</u> our <u>righteousnesses</u> are as <u>filthy rags</u>; and we <u>ALL</u> do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away" (Isaiah 64:6).

It is not in our <u>NATURE</u> to do <u>RIGHT</u>. But it <u>IS</u> our NATURE to do <u>WRONG</u>.

This is why <u>Nathaniel</u> <u>Abraham</u> is back in the news again, like thousands of other criminals in the past, to prove over and



over again, that the \underline{ONLY} rehabilitation for mankind is a \underline{NEW} heart which only God can give.

You see, in spite of man's accumulated knowledge, the **DEATH PENALTY** was settled long ago. God spoke to Noah after the flood and said, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, **by man** shall his blood be shed: (WHY?) for **in the image** of God made he man" (Genesis 9:6).

Now, it doesn't matter what any man thinks, or says about Genesis 9:6. "...<u>every idle word</u> that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in <u>the</u> <u>day of judgment</u>" (Matthew 12:36).

So, regardless of what your "heart" tells you to do, or feel about it, "Be not rash (<u>or hasty</u>) with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for <u>God is in heaven</u>, and thou upon earth: therefore <u>let thy words</u> <u>be few</u>" (Eccles. 5:2).

Trust the word of God, believe Him with all your heart, as a little child believes.

We use the OLD King James Version: Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."