

“God created humankind *in his image*, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth *and subdue it*; and *have dominion* over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’” (**Gen. 1:27-28.**)

“The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden *to till it and keep it.*” (Gen. 2:15).

We **WORK WITH** God **NOW** (**I Cor. 3:9, 2 Cor. 6:1**)

We **REIGN WITH** Christ **LATER** (**Rev. 20:6; 2 Tim 2:12.**)

- I) Our BEING in the Image of God Comes *Before* Our DOING God's Command
- II) The first humans walked with the Lord "in the cool of the day" (Gen 3:8-9)
- III) "God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it" (Gen 2:3).

***Heart of Christianity isn't a job:
It's a PARTY!!!***

It's a Wedding Banquet (Matt. 22:9)

It's a Party For a Lost Sheep. (Luke 15:6)

It's a Party For a Lost Coin. (Lk 15:9)

**It's a Party for a Returning Rebellious
Child (Lk 15:22-24).**

It's a Passionate Romantic Love Affair.

(Song of Songs 6:5)

*Turn away your eyes from me,
for they overwhelm me!*

It's a Sabbath Rest. (Heb 4:9).

**“The Joy of the Lord is our
Strength” (Neh 8:10)**

How to Do “Sabbath Prayer”

I) Bracket ALL Issues

**II) Meditate Concretely on Truths of
God (Col. 3:1-5)**

**III) See and Hear Jesus Personalize his
word to you.**

My beloved child (**Jn 1:12/ Eph 1:5**)

I make you perfectly righteous
("Justified") (**Rom 5:1**)

I free you from all condemnation (**Rom 8:1**)

I have filled you with the "fullness of
God" (**Eph 3:19**)

The Father's perfect love for me is given to
you (**Jn 17:23**).

I have made you Holy and Blameless (**Eph
1:4**)

I have bought you with an infinite price
and forgiven you (I Cor 6: 20; Eph 1:7; Col
1:14)

I will never abandon you (Mt 28:20)

You are my bride and you “ravish” my
heart (Song of Songs, 4:1ff; 6:4ff).

I rejoice, sing and clap my hands for joy
over you (Zeph 3:17)

I throw a party on your behalf (Zeph 3:17;
Lk 15:6-22)

And all of us, with unveiled faces, *seeing the glory of the Lord* as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed *into the same image* from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. **(2 Cor. 3:18)**