

Body Image & the Glory of God

Colossians 3

Author:
Audience:
Purpose:

God

Baptist Confession of Faith
Characteristics

Man

A Person Created in God's Image

4 Phases

Original

Marred

Renewed &
Redeemed

Perfected

How to Use the Bodies God has Entrusted to Us for His Glory!

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A few resources:

***Created in God's Image* Anthony Hoekema * *Discipline: the Glad Surrender* Elisabeth Elliot * *None Like Him* Jen Wilkin * *True Beauty* Carolyn Mahaney
Every Body Matters Gary L. Thomas * *Discipline Equals Freedom* Jocko Willink * *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands* Paul Tripp
Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave Ed Welch**

- “God’s intention for mankind was that they might do whatever they do in obedience to God and for the glory of God, so that he uses all his powers, gifts and capacities in God’s service.” – Anthony Hoekema
- “Since our most basic relationship is to God, the renewal of the image means that we are given strength to do whatever we do in obedience to God and for the glory of God.” – Anthony Hoekema
- “The body is not evil. Jesus came down from heaven was incarnated by the Holy Spirit, and was made man, thus forever sanctifying visible things. God is not looking for women who will hate what he has made, but for those who will learn to love it as he loves it, as proceeding from him and going back to him.” - Elisabeth Elliot
- “I must keep alive in myself the desire for my true country, which I shall not find till after death; I must never let it get snowed under or turned aside; I must make it the main object of my life to press on to that other country and to help others to do the same.” – C.S. Lewis
- “Muddled thinking inevitably results in muddled living.” Elisabeth Elliot
- “In Christ there is nothing I could do to make you love me more; nothing I have done that makes you love me less. You are all I need today for everlasting joy. As you have been to me, so I will be to others. As I pray, I’ll measure your compassion by the cross and your power by the resurrection.” [Gospel Prayer by J.D. Greer]
- “You are an instrument, not an ornament.” (*Every Body Matters* by Gary Thomas)
- “Discipline is not my claim on Christ, but the evidence of his claim on me.” – Elisabeth Elliot
- “The Christian self-image means looking at ourselves in the light of God’s gracious work of forgiveness and renewal. It involves giving God all the praise for what he, by his grace, has done and is still doing within us and through us. It includes confidence that God can use us, despite our short-comings, to advance his kingdom and bring joy to others.” – Hoekema
- “She said her name over and over. She was working to remind herself of who she was. She was working to remember that somewhere in another place entirely she was known and she was loved.” (Kate DiCamillo, *The Magician’s Elephant*)
- Identity in Christ from Gavin Ortlund:
 - We’re thinking much of Heaven
 - We are seeing sin as a stranger
 - We are content with our weakness and inferiority
 - We are continually giving up worldly ambition
 - We are moving towards believers and reaching the lost.
- CCEF Idol-detecting questions:
 - What do I not have, if I only had it, would make me happy?
 - What, if taken away, would make me unhappy or devastated?
 - What do I have now that I spend a lot of time maintaining and would struggle to keep?
 - What do I have now in my life that I can’t live without?
 - After you find where your heart is weak, cry out in repentance and worship. Those things to which we most cling have become idols.

The London Baptist Confession of Faith (1689)

“The Lord our God is but one only living and true God; whose subsistence is in and of Himself, infinite in being and perfection; whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but Himself; a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions, who only has immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach; who is immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, every way infinite, most holy, most wise, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory; most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness & truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the one who rewards those who diligently seek Him, and withal most just and terrible in His judgments, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty. God, having all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of Himself, is alone in and unto Himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creature which He has made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting His own glory in, by, unto, and upon them; He is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things, and He has most sovereign dominion over all creatures, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatsoever He pleases; in His sight all things are open and manifest, His knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to Him contingent or uncertain; He is most holy in all His counsels, in all His works, and in all His commands; to Him is due from angels and men, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience, as creatures they owe unto the Creator, and whatever He is further pleased to require of them.”

Hallelujah, All I Have Is Christ Sovereign Grace Music

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race
Indifferent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross
And I beheld God's love displayed
You suffered in my place
You bore the wrath reserved for me
Now all I know is grace

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You