



Ep. 3 | Jeff Norris | Bob Cargo | Caleb Click

In this final episode to Imago Dei series of the Digging Deeper podcast, Jeff Norris, Caleb Click, and Bob Cargo sit down and share their final thoughts on this nine-week series around the image of God, Imago Dei. Throughout this time they've covered a lot from the foundations of what is the image of God (Genesis 1 and 3) and how through sin, our image is marred but then also how our image is restored as He is making us more and more like Jesus. From human dignity of the unborn to how we treat our neighbors. Today, the guys sit down and talk through their final thoughts on the series and share their main takeaways to Imago Dei.

Noteworthy Quotes

If we recognize that every person we see is made in the image of God, it radically changes the way we should treat them because when we lift our hand against them, we're lifting your hand against God himself, because his image is in that person. No matter what they've done, no matter what we may feel about them. I think that's something that needs to be regained in, in modern culture. We, we were losing sight of this more and more. -Caleb Click

No matter their health or not, you know, no matter their age, no matter their abilities or not, no matter how much they're like me or unlike me there's value and dignity and worth. I'll have to say where this strikes me is just how I treat people day in and day out.
-Bob Cargo

I think one of the things, as you start looking through Genesis one and two, and you look at the role that God intended man to play. God placed him (Adam) in the midst of creation as the pinnacle of his created work as the one who is takes creation from good to very good, who has a role in subduing the earth and working and in bringing, developing those things and mining their potential. But in that role as the one who has dominion, he's there to care for the world that God has made to seek it's flourishing, which means creation is not something that's just there for him to consume. -Caleb Click

God's called us to love the right things to the right degree for the right reason. That's a lot of what this series is about and what holiness is, you know, love the Lord, your God with all your heart and mind, soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. And then you look at everything else in creation, you know, being a right relationship with creation with other people with ourselves. I like how you've put it there, Caleb, there are people that have a worldview that they are to love the created earth and the things in it and see human beings as no different than anything else, not the crown of creation but part of the evolutionary process. And we stand a hundred percent against that. But as you've said very well, the other problem can be if we only have the Gospel story. That's what we failed and we needed to be redeemed and my soul needed to be saved. If we don't have creation and consummation, then we can underappreciate that God called us to, to have a caring relationship with this earth. -Bob Cargo

There it is right off the top where God says work and keep the garden. And that word work can also be translated, cultivate to cultivate and to keep the garden, to, to take what God has created in creation beautify it, make it flourish all those kinds of things. And so there's implication there on so many levels, with creation itself. -Jeff Norris

I think there were two takeaways from the whole series. One would be viewing every person with dignity and worth and freedom that way. And the second one would be that as I grow more and more into Christ likeness, I'm becoming more and more of what God created a human being to be. And reflecting God more clearly and more clearly. How do I know what Christ's likeness looks like? I look at the law of God, Jesus perfectly reflected God's law. And then my sermon on the unborn, I read extensively from the Westminster larger catechism on the sixth commandment, but I would encourage anybody. Who's got the heart and mind to do it, take the Westminster, larger catechism and read about every one of the, every one of the ten commandments, all ten of them. What is it? What does it prohibit? What does it require? And that's the picture of Christ lightness that we're to grow into. The other thing is something I heard years ago from Dr. Richard Pratt, who was at Reformed Seminary in Orlando at the time. And he gave this illustration. He said, you know, back in the day, when a king would have a kingdom, you knew where his kingdom started and stopped because he would have big images of himself up around the kingdom. And he said, when we reflect the redeemed image of Christ in our lives, we are like those big portraits of our King. And people know the kingdom of God has come here because they see a likeness of Christ in our lives. And when I hear that, it inspires me to realize if I show Christ likeness to the people around me, it's a proclamation in deed and in word, both the kingdom of Jesus has come here. And that's a really motivating thing, uh, for being as much like Christ as I can let the Holy spirit create in me. -Bob Cargo

I think about like Colossians 3 and what is the entire image of that passage? We're putting off the old and we're putting on the new, what's the new, well, if you listen to the description of it, put on then as God's chosen ones Holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Who does that sound like? I think that sounds like Jesus. It just goes on and on and on and the picture there is you're looking at Jesus, the founder of perfecter of our faith and you're looking at the one in whose image you were made. As like a child looking at their father, putting on that garment and playing that role into more and more, you grow into that image, the image itself. And so I think that's a big piece of this is, it's fixing our eyes on Jesus and going out with that, if that's the image of God, if that's what I'm supposed to be, then everything in my life needs to be pointed in that direction and conform to that image. -Caleb Click

(As we grow in the image of God) We're growing and caring about the things that he cares and loving what he loves and hating what he hates, and I think that's what it means to be made more into the image of Jesus. -Jeff Norris

Scripture References:

[Genesis 1-3](#)

[Colossians 3: 12-14](#)

Additional Resources:

[*The Worst Hard Time*, Timothy Egan](#)

[*A Hobbit, a Wardrobe, and a Great War*, Joseph Loconte](#)

[*The Abolition of Man*, C.S. Lewis](#)

[*Stronger Than Steel: The Wayne Alderson Story*, R.C. Sproul](#)

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