

BEING THE EXPRESS IMAGE OF JESUS.

(Being Revealed as We Are)

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**2Corinthians 5:10-AMP**

For we must all appear *and be revealed as we are* before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive [his pay] according to what he has done in the body, ...

*Our perceived image is how others see us. Our projected image is the way we desire others to see us. Our actual image is who we really are.*

Jesus' stepbrothers pressured Him to live out of a *projected image*:

**John 7:3-5-Passion**

3 So Jesus' brothers came to advise him, saying, "Why don't you leave the countryside villages and go to Judea where the crowds are, so that your followers can see your miracles?"

4 No one can see what you're doing here in the backwoods of Galilee. How do you expect to be successful and famous if you do all these things in secret? Now is your time—go to Jerusalem, come out of hiding, and show the world who you are!"

5 His brothers were pushing him, even though they didn't yet believe in him as the Savior.

He responded to His brothers, family members by showing His *actual image* of who He really was:

**John 7:6-7-Passion**

6 Jesus responded, "My time of being unveiled hasn't yet come, *but any time is a suitable opportunity for you to gain man's approval*."

7 The world can't hate you, but it does me, for I am exposing their evil deeds.

We should also be the express image of Jesus.

**Romans 8:29-AMP**

For those whom *He foreknew [of whom He was aware and loved beforehand]*, He also *destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness]*, that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.

Freedom is found in living according to the truth in our inward parts, while avoiding self-promotion or self-protection.

**2 Corinthians 10:12 NKJV**

"For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, *measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise*"

**1 Corinthians 4:5**

So don't make judgments about anyone ahead of time—before the Lord returns. For he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives. Then God will give to each one whatever praise is due.

**Passion** - ...when all will be fully revealed. ...for he will bring all that is hidden in darkness to light and unveil every secret motive of everyone's heart. Then, when the whole truth is known, each will receive praise from God.

**Luke 8:17**

"For all that is secret will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed will be brought to light and made known to all."

**1 Timothy 5:24-25-Passion**

24 The sins of some people stand out and are well known. Yet there are others whose sins are not as obvious, but the truth of who they really are will eventually be seen and will bring them judgment.

25 It is the same way with good works, even if they are not known at first, they will eventually be recognized and acknowledged.

I will allow the double-edged sword of God's Word to expose the thoughts and intentions of my heart.