

Exalted – You Can Be Like God

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What does it mean to be like to be God?

History has proven that men have attempted to be God by exalting their own ways and thoughts above His. Even you and I have proven such. Regardless, all those who exalt themselves will be humbled (Luke 14:11). You cannot be God.

You cannot be God, but you are called to be like God. You were made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). You have been called to “Be holy as [God is] holy” (1 Peter 1:16). So, how are we to be like God? We know we are to be like him, but to exalt ourselves to his level is to miss the point entirely. In anticipation of Christ, God commissioned Isaiah to paint a picture of proper exaltation (god-likeness).

“Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind.”

Isaiah 52:13-14

Here we meet the irony of exaltation. Exaltation entails glory, majesty, dominion, authority, blessing, honor, and might;

however, verse 14 doesn’t seem to paint the picture of a god. In fact, the man whom Isaiah prophecies about was marred to look even less than a man!

God sent Jesus Christ to earth as if to say, “This is what it actually means to be like me.” Being like God is not about dominance. Christ did not achieve such an exaltation through self-assertion; rather, he assumed humility.

Paul explores Christ’s humility in Philippians 2:6–8 as he writes, “[Jesus], though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” Paul continues to say that because Christ lived as a servant, he was exalted by God.

You and I were created in the form (image) of God. Let us not seek to grasp exaltation, but rather assume servitude. This is what it means to be like God.

Caleb Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14

In Our Thoughts & Prayers




Pam Babb, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Edwin & Vera Cornell, Erma Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jaren Dodson, Joe Freund, Kayla Hayes, Wilma Hill, Justin Houston, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Cheryl Neilans, John Privett, Harold Speir, Susie Tomlin, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.

Erma Cornell is still in the hospital following surgery. Susie Tomlin fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and is recovering at Freeman West.

Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need, usually a local family. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.



 **Devo and Donuts** is every Tuesday morning at 7:00 in the activities center. Come and bring your friends.

Men's Breakfast is this Thursday at 7:00 at Braum's. Make plans to start your morning with food and fellowship.

Tri-State Youth Series is this Sunday in Joplin. The van will leave at 3:30 from the parking lot.

Brown Valley **youth retreat** is October 11-13. The cost is \$10. The van is leaving Friday at 6:00 p.m. and will return Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Sign up on Caleb's door if you are interested in attending.

Thank you for all the donations to the NCS kitchen. Your generosity and willingness to help is so appreciated! Thank you so much. Amanda Flint for NCS



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *A Transformed Trio*
(Danny Boggs)

P.M. *The People around Paul*
(2 Timothy 4, Danny Boggs)

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, October 6

- AM Opening: Charles Phillips
- AM Closing: Ethan Murray
- PM Opening: Pete Babb
- PM Closing: Joe McLain

Wednesday, October 9

- Opening: Zane Berner
- Closing: Lowell McInturff

Our **Wednesday Family Meal** will be on October 16. The hostess groups of Keri Collinsworth/Amanda Flint and Carla Murray/Jessica Boggs will be providing a chili dinner. Sign up in the foyer and plan to attend.

All families with kids in sixth grade and younger are invited to a **campfire devotional** at the home of Danny and Jessica Boggs at 5:30 Friday night, October 18.

NCS will have their **Run With the Knights** on October 19 at 5:00 at Morse Park. It is a 5k and 1 mile fun run. Information and registration forms are on the welcome desk.

Wedding Anniversary: You are invited to join Benny and Linda Haught as they celebrate 50 years of marriage on Sunday, October 20, from 3:30-5:50 in the activities center. It will be a come and go appetizer and cake reception. No gifts please. Please RSVP, call or text 417-434-2468.

On October 26 we will host "**Pure on Purpose: Girls Doing Life God's Way**", a day specifically designed for our young ladies.

October 31 is the **Trail of Treats**. We will have a hot dog dinner, games, and costume contest in the activities center starting at 5:30. Invite your fiends and neighbors to join us.

Mark your calendars: NCS will sponsor the first annual **Autumnfest of the Ozarks** on November 9. More details are on the bulletin board.

Mark your calendars: **Ladies Retreat** will be November 15-17 in Kimberling City, MO. Information and registration forms are on the welcome desk.

12 Conversations Marriage Mentoring is a program that pairs young couples with those who are more experienced. If you are interested in being a part of this program, contact Danny.

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RECORDS	09-29-19	09-30-18
Bible Study	147	124
AM Worship	185	178
PM Worship	146	118
Wednesday	158	?
Contribution	\$9,111.88	\$11,217.15
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58