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**REFLECTING, WITH GLORY, THE IMAGE OF GOD**

Whether we like it or not (and most of us do not!), a mirror does not lie. It always shows us exactly as we are, flaws and all. No matter what our own pre-conceived notions or preceptions of what our appearance may be, a mirror merely reflects our true self.

The Book of Genesis tells us that we have been made “*in the image and likenes of God.*” In like manner, those who profess to be Christians are said to be “*mirror images*” of our Lord. In other words, those around us should be able to look at us and see the reflection of Christ. All of our thoughts, words, deeds, and feeling should be consistent with His actions. To put it simply, Christ must be constantly visible in us.

It is important to note that this does not happen without effort on our part. To reach the point where we can confidently say that we are “*Christ’s reflection*” requires a great deal of attention. Only through prayer, fasting, reading the Scriptures and living the Gospel can this be accomplished. We cannot be Christ-like if He does not dwell in our heart!

We must allow God to mold and shape us into what He wants us to be. We are the masterpiece of His creation – “*diamonds in the rough*” – waiting to be refined and polished by our Creator. May we all strive to become Christians who truly reflect with glory the image of God that lies deep within us.