

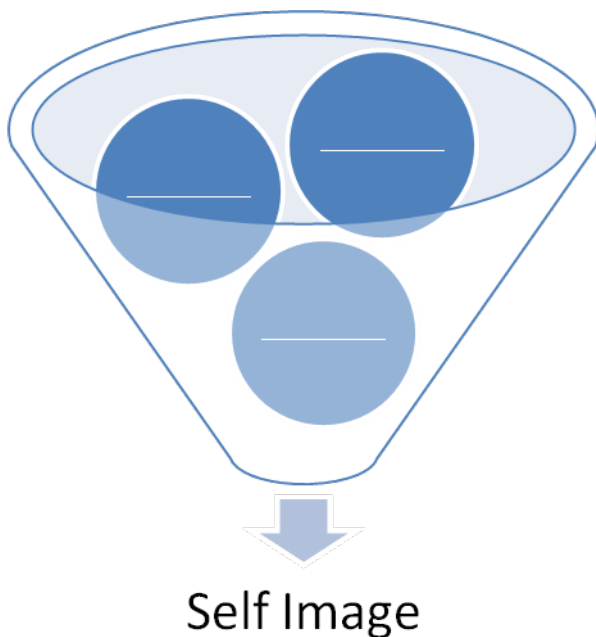
## Image

What is image/self image?

The way I see myself and a concern for how others see me, possibly anxiety about how I look, what I wear, how I present.

Where do we get our views of ourselves from?

Our history, what the media tells us, our culture and the people around us, our family etc..



What difference does it make what sort of image you have of yourself?

Discuss these quotes:

“In the past we thought of goodness in terms of moral character, many now think in terms of appearance” Vaughan Roberts

“a dark vein of self hatred, physical obsessions, terror of aging and dread of lost count”

Naomi Wolf The Beauty Myth

Lets look at what the Bible says about image.

**At Creation**

Genesis 1:26-27	People are made in God's image
Genesis 5:1-2	
Genesis 9:6	

**The fall, Genesis 3.**

What was lost in terms of image in the fall?

**The bible tells us that people are both precious image-bearers of God and fallen sinners. What does the rest of the OT have to say about image?**

Psalms 139:13-15	
Isaiah 53:3	
Psalms 33:13-15	

**Where do we finally see the perfect image of God?**

What do these passages say about Christ?

Colossians 1:15-20	
1 Corinthians 11:7	
2 Corinthians 4:4	

**How does our image change when we become part of Christ?**

Ephesians 4:22-24	
Colossians 3:1-10	

Who are you in Christ?

How does God feel about you?

The difference

‘And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no-one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!’ 2 Corinthians 5:15-17

See if you can finish this table, you may be able to think of passages to help make your points.

	<b>Worldly View</b>	<b>New view in Christ</b>
<b>Our view of ourselves</b>	<p>Focussed on looks</p> <p>Self obsessed</p> <p>Over confident</p> <p>Under confident</p>	<p>Focussed on Christ and confident in him.</p> <p>Secure in Christ.</p> <p>Want to be an image bearer of the King.</p> <p>Realistic view of self.</p>
<b>Our view of others</b>	<p>Eg. A consumer mentality to relationships.</p> <p>People are accessories to my image.</p> <p>Spend a lot of my time comparing myself to others.</p> <p>Faults in others drive me crazy.</p>	<p>See people as God’s image bearers.</p> <p>Love and care for all sorts of people because God does and because we know how rotten we are without Christ.</p> <p>Compare ourselves with Christ.</p> <p>Bear with one another in love and forgive</p>

<b>Our view of God</b>	I present him with a list of things I want and he fills my order.  Despise Christ for his weakness.	God is my loving father who wants me to glorify himself.
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How can we help each other build a view of ourselves based on what is true?