

Sunday Sermon Guide

Central Baptist Church – Crockett, Texas

January 18, 2026 – **Imago Dei: Why Every Human Life Matters**

Main Passage: Genesis 1:26-27

Main Idea:

Human life is sacred because every person is created in the image of God. Human worth is inherent and God-given, not dependent on age, ability, usefulness, or circumstance. Though sin distorted God’s image in humanity, it did not erase it. Through Jesus Christ, the image marred by sin can be restored.

I. Human Life Has Value Because It Bears God’s Image

Genesis 1:26–27

- Humanity is created intentionally by God, not accidentally by chance
- Men and women are created in the image and likeness of God
- Human worth is rooted in who created us, not what we can do
- Every person possesses inherent dignity given by God
- Dignity is not earned, conditional, or temporary
- Human value does not increase or decrease based on age, ability, or independence

II. The Image of God Was Marred by Sin—but Never Removed

Genesis 9:6

- This declaration comes after the Fall and after the Flood
- Even in judgment, God affirms the value of human life
- Sin distorted the image of God but did not erase it
- Human life remains sacred even in a fallen world
- Murder, abuse, and exploitation are always condemned
- Broken lives still bear God’s fingerprints

III. God Knows and Values Human Life Before Birth

Psalm 139:13–16

- God is personally and intentionally involved in forming life in the womb
- Life is not mechanical or impersonal; it is the work of the Creator
- God sees, knows, and plans each life before birth
- Human value is not determined by whether life is planned or convenient
- Value comes from the Creator, not the circumstances

IV. God Calls His People to Defend Life with Truth and Compassion

James 3:9

- We cannot honor God while dishonoring those made in His image
- Words that bless God should not be used to devalue people
- Defending life means speaking truth without hatred
- Compassion and conviction must go together
- The church should protect life, offer forgiveness, and give hope
- Ministries that combine truth and care reflect the heart of Christ

V. The Image of God Is Restored Through Jesus Christ

Colossians 1:15; Romans 8:29

- Jesus is the perfect image of the invisible God
- Humanity was created in God's image, but sin marred that image
- Christ came to restore what sin distorted
- The image Maker became the image bearer to redeem the image
- Salvation is restoration, not only forgiveness
- Believers are being conformed into the image of Christ

VI. Gospel Application

- Human life matters because God created it
- Sin distorted what God made good
- Christ died and rose again to restore what was broken
- Every person is invited to restoration through faith in Jesus Christ
- Our value is rooted in God's image, not human standards

VII. Closing Truth

- Human life is sacred because God declared it so
- The image given at creation can be restored through Christ
- Come to Christ and be restored in the image stained by sin

“The image maker became the image bearer to restore the image lost.”