

WE STILL BELIEVE

...all life is valuable

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE VALUE OF LIFE?

1. All life is valuable because we are made _____.

“God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

GENESIS 1:25-31 (NIV)

THE IMAGO DEI:

- Is equally true in _____.
- Often said to involve _____.
- Speaks of _____.

SOME IMPLICATIONS OF THE IMAGO DEI:

- All life is worthy of _____.
- Human life is not to be taken by Murder (Genesis 9:6, Exodus 20:13) or belittled by cursing (James 3:9).

2. Life begins in the Mother's Womb.

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

PSALM 139:13-16 (NIV)

“If people are fighting and hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life”

EXODUS 21:22-23 (NIV)

“The word of the Lord came to me, saying, Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

JEREMIAH 1:4-5 (NIV)

“When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”

LUKE 1:41 (NIV)

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Every child has been created for greater things—to love and be loved—in the image of God. Once a child is conceived, there is life, God's life. That child has a right to live and be cared for.

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- MOTHER THERESA

3. This is point three fill in _____ .

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SO WHAT?

KEY QUESTION:

Are Christians today shaped more by culture or by Christ?

The message for the culture of Relativism: _____ .

The message for the culture of Outrage: _____ .

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DISCUSSION

Questions

- 1 - In what ways (good or bad) have you experienced the information age and the age of relativism? How about the age of Outrage?
- 2 - Read through the exclusive statements of Christ listed above. What is your initial response to these statements? What would you say to the person who says these statements seem so narrow?
- 3 - Of the unique offers of Jesus which two are the most important to you personally? Why? Read the Scriptures attached to the reasons you choose.
- 4 - How would you describe what it means to live “the way of Jesus?”
- 5 - Do you agree or disagree with the chart that describes what our culture promotes vs. what Christ promotes?
- 6 - Who is one person you could share the message with that Jesus is the way? Who is someone you could demonstrate the humble way of Jesus to this week?