

:: Summary

Every human being is made in the imago dei, the image of God. By God's creative design, there is one human race and every person of every ethnicity is part of it. However, because of sin, the imago dei in us is fractured. Further, we are not capable of honoring the image of God in other people. Instead we are prone to de-humanize one another. Racism, injustice and social inequality are some of the manifestations of this fallen-human reality.

Racial reconciliation starts in the Church. It begins with every Christian in a posture of humility recognizing that in our old sin nature, we are capable of de-humanizing others. Then, moving beyond repentance, the Church calls people to reconciliation by calling them to the gospel and the all-sufficiency of Jesus Christ to renew and unite humanity through the power of the cross.

:: Share

As we continue to reflect on what it means to be made in the image of God, share one thing you are grateful for that makes you who you are.

:: Explore and Discuss | Genesis 1:26-27, Ephesians 2:11-22, Galatians 3:26-28

What are some of the God-infused, imago dei characteristics that make up our humanity?

What would it be like if every person on this planet honored the image of God in every other person, if every person were to see and treat every other person as the image bearer they are? Give an example or two of the changes to culture and society that would take place.

What does it mean in verse 13 that you "have been brought near by the blood of Christ?"

In verses Ephesians 2:14-18, the word peace is used four times. Based upon your understanding of Scripture, discuss the meaning and implications of this word.

:: Apply it to Your Life

How do you try to live out Galatians 3:26-28 in your relationships with other brothers and sisters?

How do you want to grow in honoring the imago dei in others, especially those who are different from you?

:: Pray

Thank Jesus for his reconciling work on the cross.



Ask the Holy Spirit to help you honor the image of God in every other person.

