Imago Dei

Introduction:

Genesis 1:26–27 declares that mankind was created in the image of God. Here are five aspects of this divine image that we must understand so that we might order our thinking and our living according to God's revelation rather than the world's thinking.

1. D_____ of the Image:

(Gen 1:26–27; 5:3; Ezek 23:14–15)
Image: צֶלֶם *tselem* or εἰκών *eikōn*

Likeness: דְּמוּת *demut* or ὁμοίωσις *homoiosis*

Imago Dei: God created mankind in His image, endowing us with qualities and capacities that finitely reflect His infinite attributes, so that we might visibly represent Him and display His glory throughout creation.

2. D_____ of the Image:

a. R_____ (Gen 5:3)

b. R_____ (Rom 1:21–23)

c. R_____ (Gen 1:26–27)

d. R_____ (Gen 1:26–28; Ps 8:4–8)

e. R_____ (Gen 1:31; Ecc 7:29; Col 3:10; Eph 4:23–24)

3. D_____ Views of the Image:

a. Substantive

b. Relational

c. Functional

d. Holistic

4. D_____ of the Image:

a. R_____ (Gen 9:6; Jas 3:9)

b. R_____ (Col 1:15; Rom 5:18–19; 1 Cor 15:45–49)

c. R_____ (2 Cor 3:18; Col 3:10)

d. R_____ (Rom 8:29; 1 Cor 15:49; 1 John 3:2)

Application:

5. D_____ of the Image:

a. Dignity & Sanctity of Life
(Matt 6:26; 10:29–31; 12:12; Prov 14:31; 31:8–9; 6:16–17)

b. Equality
(Gen 1:27; Act 17:26)

c. Stewardship
(Gen 1:28; 2:15)

d. Accountability
(Luke 20:22–25; Deut 6:5)