

Created in God's Image

Genesis 1:27

What is man that you are mindful of him and the son
of man that you care for him? Psalm 8:4

What is the value of human life?

Human beings derive their value not from man's view of man, but from God's view of us. Scripture reveals the startling truth that the Sovereign Creator of the universe cherishes each of us as individuals and humankind as a whole.

Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created in the image of God and therefore are set apart as unique among created beings. Though we have sinned and broken the covenant that God established with his people, God has not broken his covenant with us. Instead he sent to us his own Son, into the womb of a virgin, to identify with us from before we are born. Jesus was born and lived humbly upon the earth, though he was the King of Kings. He died a terrible death, crucified on a cross, becoming the atoning sacrifice for our sin. The shed blood of Jesus Christ purchased our salvation, proving once for all that God is committed to humankind in an extraordinary way.

The church, as the Body of Christ on this earth, ought to demonstrate that same extraordinary commitment to life, including the most vulnerable, those yet in the womb or advanced in age and those who are unable to speak for themselves or to live in a way that society would identify as 'productive.' We are cherished by God at every stage and in every circumstance of our development. As Christ followers we are called to demonstrate that same cherishing love to each person we encounter regardless of their size, location, or ability.


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