

# Made in the Image of God: Caring for Every Image Bearer with the Love of Christ

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# Plan for this two-week lesson

- Today: overview the biblical teaching of humans as image bearers of God
  - What does the Bible say?
  - What does that mean?

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- Next Sunday: application
  - Personally, to all humans from conception to death
  - Corporately, to those who are weak, infirmed, disabled, or different

# Introduction

Humans are Different

# How are humans different?

- Biologically speaking
- Biblically speaking

# Biblical Teaching

What the Bible says about the Image of God

# Possible Theological Implications

- **Functional view** – humans can fulfill the creation mandate
- **Relational view** – humans can have a relationship with God and other humans
- **Substantive view** – our body and spirit are the image of God

# Biblical data

- Genesis 1:26-28
- Genesis 5:1-3
- Genesis 9:6
- Psalm 8:3-8
- James 3:8-10
- 1 Corinthians 11:7

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# All humans are created in God's image

- Because we are created in God's image all humans are innately special to God and have inestimable worth and dignity.
- Being made in God's image allows us the great privilege to have a personal relationship with God and each other.
- Being made in God's image comes with a responsibility to fulfill our role in creation.

What about you?

How do you apply this?

# Love God & Love God's Image Bearers

- Matthew 22:23-40
- Luke 10:25-37 – same teaching with illustration of the Good Samaritan

Can you get more of God's image?

# No, but you can grow in Christlikeness

- Romans 8:28-29
- 2 Corinthians 3:18
- Colossians 3:10
- Ephesians 4:23-24

You are made in God's  
image.  
Think deeply about that.