

Series: The Mirror of the Soul

Title: The Image of God

Text: (Gen 1:26-29)

Where did Human Rights come from?

What is the foundation of Human Rights?

Does it stem from our Capacity or Potential?

Or The Image of God?

The 1st Century Churches believe in the Image of God.

They cared for the poor, outcast, widows, orphans.

They were against abortion

What happens to a society that no longer believes in God & the Image of God?

Racism, Bigotry, Slavery, Cancelling others from public debate.

What happens when those capacities are not achieved?

Are they no longer human?

Are they no longer have the image of God?

Are they no longer valuable, worthy of rights?

Are they no longer deserving dignity and protection?

Where did the Idea of Human Rights come from?

The Idea of Human Rights is based solely on the Bible. Specifically in the Doctrine of the Image of God.

(Genesis 9:5-6)

(Ps 8:1-9) Glory above the Heavens

What does it Mean to Be Human?

We are made in the Image of God: (Gen 1:26-27)

Have we Forgotten or been robbed of the knowledge and memory of WHO we were created BY.

& WHAT we were created FOR.

(2 Tim 2:26)

If we could look into a Mirror of our Soul...

We would discover our True Identity

We would discover our True Purpose

We would discover our True Family

I. The Word of God is a Mirror to the Soul: (Gen 1:26-27)

The Bible gives us Profound answers w/ Profound

(Rom 1:23-25)

(Rom 8:29) God wants us to bear the Image of His glory.

(2 Cor 3:18)

All Humans Bear the Image of God: (Col 3:10-11)

All One blood: (Acts 17:24-26)

II. Creation is a Mirror of the Soul:

External Creation: (Rom 1:20)

Eternal Power and God head.

My Individual Creation:

Read (Gen 1:26-27)

We were Created with Divine Capacities:

Reason: (Gen 1:26) *“let them have dominion”*

Creativity: (Gen 2:20) *“Adam gave names to all cattle,*

Speech:(Gen 2:23) *Adam said “This is now bone of my bones*

Self Awareness: (Gen 3:8) *Adam and his wife hid themselves*

Self Determination: (Gen 3:6) *“and he did eat.”*

Self Reflection: (Gen 3:12) *I did eat*

Morality: *"I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid,*

The Image of God is a Status confirmed upon all Human Beings at Conception.

The Image of God confirms a Rank in God's Hierarchy:
(Ps 8:5)

Therefore ALL LIFE

Unborn, Born, Old, Infirm, are made in the Image of God and are worthy of Dignity, Valued, Respected, & Protected.

Regardless of Color, Race, Creed, Gender, Etc.
The Image of God Transcends Ethnicity, Social Status, Financial Worth, Education, Sexual Orientation, Etc.

God says that Every Human Being Has Value & is worthy of Protection b/c they bear the Image of God.

If you are born again, then you are to recognize the Image of God in Others.

You are to Value all people.

You are to treat others with Dignity.

III. The Emptiness of our Soul apart from God is a Mirror

We All have a desire to worship something bigger than ourselves.

Our Self Esteem & Self Worth is supposed to be based on the Image of God Also.

Use the Mirror of the Word of God and Look into your soul.

Know WHO you are!

Know WHOSE you are: (Gen 3:5)

Think of Reflection & Representation.

Jesus is the Image of God! (Col 1:16)

Jesus is the only perfect image of God (Jn 14:9)
(Col 2:9) (2 Cor 3:13-18)

We Are Made to Reflect God to Others.

If you learn how to read the Bible and discern the gospel,
If you learn to see Jesus & what he's done for our salvation

That will transform you into his likeness.

That reflects His glory.

As I reflect upon the beauty & glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,

Who is the only perfect representation and image of God.

That fixes the image of God in me.

So I stop trampling on the image of God in other people.

We are to Recognize the Image of God in ourselves and understand our worth because of it.

We are to Recognize the Image of God in others and understand their worth because of it.

IV. The Death, Burial, & Resurrection of Jesus is a Mirror

(Lk 19:10)

(Jn 3:17)

(1 Tim 1:15)

(2 Cor 5:21)