

## The Precious Value of Human Life (Genesis 1:26-27)

**Verse to Remember:** “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27).

### 1. Why is human life of particular value?

- Because God made humans to be of precious value, and to be in his image (Gen 1:26-28). God gave humans rationality, free will, and higher reasoning. He gave us the ability to create. He gave us the ability to judge rightly and bring justice. He gave us authority over aspects of his creation (cf. Gen 1:28-29; Matt 10:1; 2 Cor 10:8; 13:10; Heb 13:17). He made us more valuable than the animals (Luke 12:6-7; Matt 6:26; 10:29; 12:11-13).
- God personally crafted us with care and with eternal value (Gen 2:7, 21-22; Psalm 139:13-16).
- God didn't just form us with care; he also cares deeply about what he formed (Psalm 139:1-6). He has a purpose and plan for each of our lives.

### 2. Are some human lives less valuable?

- The obvious answer should be no and is no, but throughout history and still today, people answer with their voices or actions that some are of less value.
- There is no race that is of less value (cf. Is 49:6; Acts 10:34-35). The lives of our enemies are not of less value (Matt 5:43-44). The lives of the unwanted, unproductive, unloved, and uninvited are not of less value (cf. Deut 10:17-19). The lives of the unhealthy or disabled are not of less value (cf. Matt 14:14). The lives of those in the womb are not of less value (cf. Is 49:1; Luke 1:41; Ex 21:22-25).

### 3. How can you save a life?

- Speak and live the truth that all humans are made in the image of God. Speak life (James 3:8; Prov 18:21). Speak hope to the hopeless. Some people are ready to throw away their own lives. Love those who are depressed and give them hope and purpose. Let them know that they are made in the image of God and that he has a purpose and plan for their lives. Read them Psalm 139. Tell them, “You are made in the image of God.” “You are loved by God.” “If you know him, you are a child of God and if not, he wants you. You can become a child of God.” “You are valuable to me.”
- When it comes to those in the womb, speak truth about the life in the womb. Love and support the one carrying life in her womb. Support women who are pregnant and scared. Love the woman made in the image of God as much as the baby made in the image of God. Support organizations that love and support these women. There are two organizations we partner with in that regard – Claris Health, and Harvest Home. If you would like to get more involved with them, please let us know.