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Authentic Identity  
"Image of God"

*"God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."*

*So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.* Genesis 1:25-27

The Significance of Being Made in the Image of God

- UNIQUENESS of Humans in creation

⇒ Relational – Social

*"Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person."* Genesis 2:7

⇒ Spiritual / Soul / Eternal

⇒ Moral / Will / Choice

Application: There is inherent value and dignity of every human being.

- PURPOSE, MEANING & VALUE

⇒ Reflecting God's Image on Earth

⇒ A Child of God

*"You have searched me, Lord, and you know me... For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

*My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*

Psalm 139:1,13-16

*"Bring all who claim me as their God, for I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them."*

Isaiah 43:7

Application: Our Children are God's Children

Children are created in the womb with God

Our purpose is to reflect God in the world around us.

*"...you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.*

Psalm 86:15

Jesus shows us the Father,

Jesus shows us what it means to be human and be made in the image of God.

*"Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. 2 Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us[a] and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God."*

Ephesians 5:1-2