

We Bear His Image

Lesson 3 – The Image and Self-Understanding

Review

Humanity is created in God's image, with the intention that we would _____ God.

Though this image is obscured and corrupted by _____, it is not _____.

This image is not a physical trait but instead involves our _____.

Why it matters

“What is the consequence of a single life weighing less than a feather?”

-Ernest Gordon, To End All Wars

What value does a human life have if it is only the product of chance and time?

How we _____ ourselves and others, and how we _____ as a result,

all comes from what we believe our lives are _____.

Self-worth

In lesson one, we said that one implication of the doctrine of bearing God's image

is that human _____ is assumed, not earned.

Our first thought on hearing that statement is probably to consider how we treat _____.

What we sometimes fail to consider is that this applies to _____ as well

Mark 12:29-31 – there is a significant assumption in **verse 31** – what is it?

If we do not understand the dignity and worth inherent in our _____ person,

we will struggle to honestly see and respond to it in _____.

Understanding ourselves as creatures who bear God's image helps us understand our _____, which then enables us to properly love ourselves.

Because we bear God's image, we are _____ within his creation. - **Psalm 8:5**

Though you do not yet bear his image perfectly, you are in the process of being made _____

2 Corinthians 3:18

Therefore, your worth is not the product of your behavior, your success, or anything else _____

Your worth is assigned, it is determined by God at _____.

God further proves your worth through _____

Worth is subjective – it's determined by the one who chooses to _____ the _____

Isaiah 43:3-7

What price did God determine that you, his image bearer, were worth paying?

Self-contentment

Too often, we seek our worth by _____ ourselves to others

This exposes us to the sin of _____ when we find we lack _____

We are not happy with who God has created us to be:

We don't like our body, our health, our station in life, our abilities.

We compare ourselves to _____ and envy the way that they bear God's image.

In addition, we also fall into the trap of trying to bear the image of _____ standards.

What does _____ tell us is good, beautiful, important, lovable, worthy, etc?

When we fall short of that standard, we feel _____ and even self-_____

A good heart check is to ask – what _____ of _____ am I trying to live up to?

Am I seeking to be faithful to who and what God _____ me to be?

Or am I determining my _____ based on a cultural standard?

We have to recognize that God made us the way that he did for a reason.

Psalm 139:13-14 – you are intentionally _____ by God

Ephesians 2:10 – you are God's “*poema*,” which means his work of _____

This means we bear his image with the body and abilities that we have

Romans 12:5-6; 1 Corinthians 12:14-19

Of course, we are not called to be complacent! Where there is _____ and _____

So we are called to _____ and be _____ conformed to God's image (**2 Cor 3:18**)

Self-care

You are not your own (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**) – you are a _____.

You are called to treat yourself with the _____ and _____ due to a temple of the living God

How have you heard this principle of Scripture applied?

The point of the passage is that what happens to and with our _____

is also a _____ matter – **1 Corinthians 6:15-17**

We are to care for ourselves bodies physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually,

because it is the _____ that bears God's image,

and it is the _____ that is designed to glorify God.

This is why sin is poorly defined when we see it only as that which _____.

Sin is also that which goes _____ God's design and purpose for us, (**1 Cor 6:18**)

either by doing any sort of _____ to his image

or by _____ the God in whose image we are made.