

## **Sanctity of Live Devo**

**Genesis is the foundation for the *sanctity of life*.**

**Sanctity – The state of quality of being holy or sacred.**

**[Genesis 1:27](#)**

***So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.***

**Imago Dei – Human beings are created in the image and likeness of God and this gives them intrinsic value.**

**Intrinsic – Naturally belonging to. Belonging to or occurring naturally.**

**[Genesis 2:7](#)**

***Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.***

All people are equally created in God's image and are therefore His Image Bearers.

**[Genesis 9:6](#)**

***Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His own image.***

Human life is valued above the life of every other creature on the earth, because only Humans are created in God's image.

What we believe about Genesis is directly connected to what we believe about others as God's image bearers.

What we believe about others as the image bearers of God directly connects to what we believe about abortion.

**Read: [Psalm 139:13-16](#)**

Other passages to consider- **Luke 1:41-44, Jeremiah 1:5, Galatians 1:15, Exodus 21, Deuteronomy 24, Psalm 127, and 1 Corinthians 6.**

**Passages like Exodus 21 & Deuteronomy 24 Show that God takes the lives of the unborn very seriously.**

What we believe about the Imago Dei, as established in Genesis, directly connects to what we believe about race, and racism.

Genesis chapters 1 and 2 start out with one man and one woman.  
God tells them to be fruitful and multiply.

Genesis chapter 9 starts over with 4 men and 4 women.  
God tells them to be fruitful and multiply.

**Genesis chapter 11** tells us that the resulting generations dispersed, or spread out, over the whole earth and formed different people groups according to their forefathers. The sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

**Acts 17:26**

***From one man God made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.***

*If we truly believe in the Bible and understand it literally then:*

*All people are made equally in **God's image** and bear His image **equally**.*

*Bearing God's image gives every person **intrinsic** and **immeasurable** value.*

*The **unborn** are people and therefore are **image bearers of God** with the full **value** and rights of the **imago dei**.*

*The Human race is one race, but is made up of different **ethnic people groups** that were established in Genesis chapters 10 and 11.*

Remember, that to compromise on one part of Scripture is to compromise on everything else. With God's Word it is all or nothing.

**Questions to consider:**

***\*Do I believe and trust that God is who He says He is? \*Do I believe in and trust God's word in it's fullness?***

***\*What do I believe about Genesis, is it literal or not, and what does that mean about the other things that I claim to believe in?***

***\*Do I believe in one race, the human race like the Bible teaches, or do I choose to believe in something other than the Bible?***

***\*Do I believe that all human life is equally sacred and valuable like the Bible teaches, or do I choose to believe in something other than the Word of God?***