

The Search for Identity Genesis 1:26-28

Human identity rests in our inherent dignity as those created in the image of God. Even though sin has tarnished humanity's dignity, God works to restore our dignity through the Cross of Christ.

1. Created in God's Image

- God as Creator
- God as Mirror

- Rational/Moral Capacity?

“The fact that a being is a human being ... is not relevant to the wrongness of killing it; it is rather characteristics like rationality, autonomy, and self-consciousness that make a difference.”

- Bio-ethicist Peter Singer

- Relational Capacity?
- Ruling Capacity?

Our Identity is in Our Dignity (as bearers of God's glory)!

No God → No Glory to Bear → No Human Dignity

No Dignity → No Identity

2. Disgraced by Man's Sin

- Definition of Sin (Genesis 3:5 & Romans 3:23)

“Professing to be wise, they became fools & exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds ...” - Romans 1:22-23

- Consequences of Sin (Genesis 3 & Romans 6:23)

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3. Restored by Christ's Cross

“We all ... beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord.” - 2 Corinthians 3:18

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YET Calvary Restores Human Dignity

- Creation & Cross Declare ALL Humans Have Dignity!
- Word and Deed of Gospel Restore Human Dignity!