

"In the Image of God"

Text: Gen. 1:27, 28

- I. The loss of a loved one or a near death experience is a reminder that life is _____!
-Psalms ___:12
- II. Life is a sacred _____ from God

"Genesis supplies the only answers that fit. It reveals to us that the key to the mysteries of human existence and the material universe are inextricably bound to the spiritual realm."-*Adventuring Through the Bible*, Ray Stedman

A. Man shares some of the attributes of God
-Genesis 1:___a, 27

"Like God we are persons, with an emotional, moral, and intellectual resemblance to our Creator." -The Teacher's Commentary
 1. "*Image*" is used figuratively in this verse, as God does not have a _____ form. We were made in God's _____ image. -John 4:24
 2. Is there really anything _____ about our spirit?
 3. *Created in God's image* means that humans share, though imperfectly and _____, in God's _____. Humans share in God's communicable attributes: Life, Personality, Truth, Wisdom, _____, Holiness, Justice. -Colossians _:10, Genesis _:6, James _:9
 4. It is a sin to kill, _____ against or in any way wrong our fellow man. Being created in God's image is what gives us _____.
- B. Man, created in God's image, _____ far more intelligently than any animal, and with greater sophistication

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- C. Man, created in God's image, possesses a sense of _____.
- D. Making man in His image God gave man a will, and within His sovereign reign, the King of the universe gave man a measure of choice and responsibility for the choices he makes. During the first four centuries of Christianity, it was the church fathers who coined the term: "freewill"; Tertullian, Novatian, Cyril of Jerusalem, Gregory of Nyssa, etc..
 1. Only man, of all God's earth creatures has _____ consciousness.
 2. Man, like God, knows the difference between good and evil!
- E. So rather than evolve from nothing, we were _____ by the Supreme Being of the universe, and created in His image!
 1. That gives worth and _____ to life.
 2. That gives accountability, responsibility to us.
- F. That's why as a society, a nation, we must revere and preserve _____.
 1. The Supreme Court decision "*Roe vs. Wade*" legalized taking the life of an unborn infant and ushered in a calloused disregard for life!
-Psalms ___:37- 40

* In America today, _____ out of ten babies born are ruthlessly murdered before birth--(there are more than 3,500 abortions "performed" every day in this nation)
- III. As Christians, we, of all people, need to serve as God's ambassadors to fight for this God given, sacred gift-life.
-2 Corinthians __:20, Romans __:12, Romans __:19, John 3:_
"The best of men are still men at their best."
-C. H. Spurgeon