

Gospel Clarity Study Series: The Gospel and Ethnic Identity  
**Session 2: Our Common Origins: Creation in the Image of God**  
(Genesis 1:26-28)

- The image of God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Every human being is a divine image \_\_\_\_\_.
- Every human being shares a common \_\_\_\_\_.
- The image of God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Every human being was created to \_\_\_\_\_ God.
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*“The most powerful of all spiritual forces is man’s view of himself, the way in which he understands his nature and his destiny, indeed it is the one force which determines all the others which influence human life.”*

–Emil Brunner

- The image of God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sin \_\_\_\_\_ the image of God in all people.
- Sin does not \_\_\_\_\_ the image of God in any people.

*“It is no idle phrase that man was made in God’s image. There is something worth saving in the worst of us, and out of this something a new man may be fashioned.”*

–Phillip Jose Farmer

- The image of God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- It should shape how we \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

*“And I will require a penalty for your lifeblood; I will require it from any animal and from any human; if someone murders a fellow human, I will require that person’s life. Whoever sheds human blood, by humans his blood will be shed for God made humans in his image.”*

–Genesis 9:5-6

- It should shape how we \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

*“The one who oppresses the poor insults his Maker, but one who is kind to the needy honors him.” Proverbs 14:31*

*“The one who mocks the poor insults his Maker, and one who rejoices over calamity will not go unpunished.” Proverbs 17:5*

- It should shape how we \_\_\_\_\_ to (and about) each other.

*“With the tongue we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in God’s likeness. Blessing and cursing come out of the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be this way. Does a spring pour out sweet and bitter water from the same opening?”*

–James 3:9-11

Bottom Line:

All people of all ethnicities are created in God’s image and therefore deserve to be treated with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## Our Common Rebellion: Pride

Gn. 11:1-9; 12:1-3

### ▪ The Wrong Kind of Unity

- The unity of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Humanity wanted to grow \_\_\_\_\_ rather than grow \_\_\_\_\_.

- The unity of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Humanity wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ their own name rather than \_\_\_\_\_ God's name.

*"If God has made us in his image, we have returned him the favor."*

*-Voltaire*

- The unity of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Humanity wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the agenda rather than \_\_\_\_\_ to God's agenda.

*"Unity without the gospel is a worthless unity. It is the very unity of hell."*

*-J. C. Ryle*

### ▪ The Mercy of Diversity

- God \_\_\_\_\_ humanity's pride.
  - By \_\_\_\_\_ their language.
  - By \_\_\_\_\_ their presence.

### ▪ A \_\_\_\_\_ Unity Rests Behind the World's \_\_\_\_\_ Diversity.

- A unity of \_\_\_\_\_: all divine image bearers
- A unity of \_\_\_\_\_: pride.
  - Pride \_\_\_\_\_ at the root of all racism.
  - Humility \_\_\_\_\_ the root of all racism.
- A unity of \_\_\_\_\_: the call of \_\_\_\_\_ in Genesis 12:1-3

Bottom Line:

God divided humanity in \_\_\_\_\_ but promises to reunify humanity in \_\_\_\_\_.