

# Sermon Notes

"Making Sense of Human Behavior"

January 20, 2019

- g. What consequence does this total depravity have on our ability to somehow satisfy God, or to respond appropriately toward Him (in our natural state, without God's assistance)?
6. Paul teaches that Christ is "the image of God" (2 Cor. 4:4; Col. 1:15). In what sense, then, are believers being "remade" in "the image of God" (Romans 8:29; 2 Cor. 3:18)? How is this a game changer?
7. What does the doctrine of mankind made in the image of God imply for your approach to the Sanctity of Human Life issues identified in question 1?

## Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

*Adrian and Wendy Rayo - EFCA Delavan, WI*

Pray for their Spanish speaking church plant in Delavan, WI that they would grow numerically and spiritually.

# Growth Group Homework

For the week of 1-20-19

## Getting Started:

1. What Sanctity of Human Life issues have you encountered in personal life or the news lately?

## Digging Deeper:

Read Genesis 1:26-27

2. In defining the image of God, Millard Erickson offers this caution: "The image ... refers to something a human is rather than something a human has or does. By virtue of being human, one is in the image of God; it is not dependent upon the presence of anything else" (*Christian Theology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Grand Rapids: Baker, 1998], p. 532). Why must we be careful about merely defining the image in terms of human abilities (i.e., ability to seek truth, judge good from evil, create and appreciate beauty, etc.)?
3. After the fall, do all persons continue to be regarded as image-bearers? (To answer, consider Genesis 5:1-3; 9:6; James 3:9-10). What two moral implications are listed (Genesis 9:6, James 3:9)?
4. Just how extensive is this problem of an inherited sin

nature? Who all does it affect? What emphasis do these verses hold in common?

- a. Psalm 130:3
  - b. Psalm 143:2
  - c. Proverbs 20:9
  - d. Romans 3:10-12, 23
  - e. 1 John 1:8
5. In the following verses, what aspects of man's being are said to be negatively affected by sin?
    - a. Jeremiah 17:9
    - b. Romans 1:21, 24, 28; 2:5
    - c. 2 Corinthians 4:4
    - d. Ephesians 2:1
    - e. Ephesians 4:17-19
    - f. Titus 1:15