

Mark 12:28-34

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SECOND GREAT COMMANDMENT

**Mark 12:28-34 (ESV)**

***The Great Commandment***

**28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”**



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**29** Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **30** And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’

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**<sup>31</sup> The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other**





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besides him. <sup>33</sup> And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> And when Jesus saw that



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he answered wisely, he said to him,  
“You are not far from the kingdom of  
God.” And after that no one dared to ask  
him any more questions.



## Genesis 1:26-27 (NLT)

**26 Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.”**

## Genesis 1:26-27 (NLT)

**27 So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.**

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The background of the slide features a dark, almost black, color scheme. In the lower portion, there are several silhouettes of people from the chest up, with their arms raised and hands open, suggesting a scene of worship or prayer. The text is rendered in a clean, white, sans-serif font, providing high contrast against the dark background.



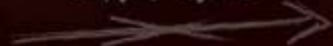
***This has profound implications for our conduct toward others. It means that people of every race deserve equal dignity and rights. It means that elderly people, those seriously ill, the mentally retarded, and children yet unborn...***

***Every single human being, no matter***

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***how much the image of God is marred by sin, or illness, or weakness, or age, or any other disability, still has the status of being in God's image and therefore must be treated with the dignity and respect that is due to God's***



***image-bearer. [any other way] -  
depreciates the value of human life...***

**Wayne A. Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*  
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House, 2004), 450**

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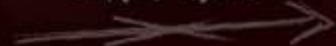


# Image of God

**Human beings are “the part of creation that most resembles God,”**

**Wayne A. Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine* (Leicester, England; Grand Rapids, MI: Inter-Varsity Press; Zondervan Pub. House, 2004), 444.**

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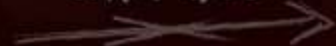


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**“The image of God consists of humanity’s investment with God-like glory and the moral capacity to reflect His character while *ruling* the earth as His *representatives*.”**

Robert A. Pyne, *Humanity and Sin: The Creation, Fall, and Redemption of Humanity* (Nashville: Word, 199). 66

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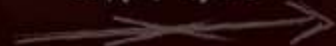
# Loving God Means Loving People

1. All people (we) represent God (Him)
2. Christians are united to Him (God)



## John 14:16-20 (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth... You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.



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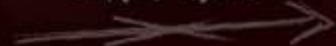
**<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.**



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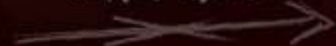
**20 In that day you will know that**

- I am in my Father, and**
- You in me, and**
- I in you.**



## 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)

**4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth**





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wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

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# Three Ways to Love People

**1. Forgive**

**2. Encouragement: Spiritual & Emotional**

**3. Get Connected to your local Church**

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## Romans 12:9-21 (NLT)

**<sup>9</sup> Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. <sup>11</sup> Never be lazy, but work hard and**



## Romans 12:9-21 (NLT)

**Serve the Lord enthusiastically.**

**<sup>12</sup> Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.**

**<sup>13</sup> When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality.**



## Romans 12:9-21 (NLT)

**<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you. Don't curse them; pray that God will bless them. <sup>15</sup> Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with each other.**



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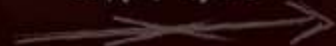
**Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!**

**<sup>17</sup> Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. <sup>18</sup> Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.**



## Romans 12:9-21 (NLT)

**<sup>19</sup> Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, “I will take revenge; I will pay them back,” says the LORD.**



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<sup>20</sup> Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.” <sup>21</sup> Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

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