



## ***“The Sanctity Of Life”***

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*“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” – Genesis 1:27*

I. What Bruce taught me about sacredness of human life

II. Our view on life’s “sanctity” is drawn from the Bible’s ‘doctrine of humanity’.

A. Why is doctrine important? And why is *this* doctrine important?

B. To be ‘created in the image of God’ means many things. But most agree that the single most important truth this teaches is that humans are:

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III. Three Implications Of This Truth For Followers Of Christ  
*Because we are spiritual beings created in the image of God...*

A. ...we believe that there is something inherently \_\_\_\_\_ about us, simply because we are human.

B. ...we believe that we are called by God to care for the

\_\_\_\_\_.

C. ...we believe that \_\_\_\_\_ is very precious to God.

IV. The teaching of the early Church Fathers is consistent in its condemnation of abortion and infanticide.

V. The Scriptural view should be sufficient for us. But in recent years, scientific arguments against the practice of abortion have mounted.

Case in point: *The story of Bernard Nathanson*

VI. Wherever you find yourself this morning, the one word we want you to take hold of is \_\_\_\_\_.