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"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."  
Genesis 2:26

## **I. Life is Precious (Gen. 1:26,27; 2:7)**

A. "Imago Dei" = In God's Image

1. We were created
2. In God's image (Trinity – Body, soul, and spirit)
3. Divine purpose – to have dominion over the earth and to multiply

B. Breathed life into humanity (*nephesh* = soul self) (Gen. 2:7)

C. Direct Conflict with the "Mainstream" view today!

1. That life evolved through "big bang" instead of was created
2. Life begins at a baby's first breath – The unborn
  - a. When is "personhood" established? (Psalm 139:13-16)
  - b. Does a person have the right to terminate their own pregnancies?
  - c. Is convenience more important than responsibility for a life created?

## **II. Life is Purchased (John 10:10)**

A. The great divide between Jesus and the world

B. Jesus came to give life by giving his life as a purchase of our lives! (1 Cor. 6:19,20)

C. Our lives are not our own when we submitted to Christ as Lord! (Gal. 2:20)

D. This was an expensive cost to purchase our eternal life.

## **III. Life is Presented Back to God (Rom. 12:1)**

A. As we see in the lives of the disciples and throughout history – our lives must be returned NOW (Matt. 16:25)

B. "Presenting your bodies (lives) as a living sacrifice to God"

C. We live now with a higher calling that just living for ourselves! We live toward eternity!