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Sanctity is defined by "the state or quality of being holy". Sanctity is synonymous with "godliness". Do we believe that there is something "holy", something "godly" about all human life?

**How we answer that question will reveal as much about our view of God (as Creator), as it does about our view of humanity (as the creation)!**

Much of the abortion debate revolves around the question, "When does life begin?" **But the Bible focuses more on "From whom does all life begin?"**

- The "sanctity"/the "sacred"/the "holy" of human life comes from the fact that God is the author and the creative force behind all human life!

**Psalm 139:13-14 – "For you (God) formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works!"**

- The "sanctity"/the "sacred"/the "holy" of human life also comes from the fact that we are all created in **God's own image!**

**Genesis 1:26 – "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.'" We resemble far more than just our earthly parents as human beings, we resemble God Himself!**

Now some will say, "But isn't God Spirit? He does not have a human body like us, so how does this logic follow?"

**God has created us to be more than just flesh and blood.** We are also created with a soul and spirit. Our resemblance of God has more to do with our whole person (heart, mind, soul & body), than just our flesh alone!

This is another reason why the discussion around human life should not just be about biology, **it should be a discussion about Biblical anthropology (the study of humanity), as well as about theology (the study of God our Creator).**

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the fact that we're all created for the purpose of reflecting God's glory!

**Leviticus 19:2 – "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."** We have been set apart as God's people to fill this ambassadorial role!

However, as sacred/holy as human life is, sin has distorted it, and humanity has lost it's ability to live into God's glorious creative purpose for mankind!

- **God may be our Creator, but we are born into sin and ruled by it!**
- **There are still remnants of His image in us, but we are blinded to it!**
- **We're still called to reflect His glory, but we are completely unable to do so!**

This is where Jesus comes in! He not only fulfills the role of Creator, He also perfectly fulfills the role of what the creation was intended to be!

**He is fully God (divine), but He is also fully man (human), and fulfills all that man was created to be!**

**"And the Word became flesh & dwelt among us, & we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace & truth." Vs. 14, 16,18**

The God who creates us to be like Him, becomes like one of us, born in our image! WHY? So that we can see the glory of the one true God!

Mankind, in our state of sin, cannot look upon God, but God in His sovereign plan makes it possible in the person of Jesus – **God revealed in human form!**

God has always made provisions for His people to know Him – through the Law, through the Tabernacle/Temple, but now more fully in Jesus Christ!

But there's even more to it. Jesus not only removes the veil between us and God, He also embodies perfectly the purpose for which we were created – to resemble God and bring Him glory in all our living! **Jesus is our example!**

But that's still not enough, Jesus' humanity provided us even more! He can make God known to us. He can show us the perfect example of how we were created to live! But without Him paying the penalty of our sin in the flesh, we would forever be in bondage!

**Sin committed in the flesh needs to be paid for in the flesh!** So Jesus took on flesh to pay the debt that we owe, so that we might be set free!

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