

**CHRISTIANITY PROVIDES THE BEST EXPLANATION AS TO WHY WE ALL HAVE VALUE.**

Human Value

- 1) If we believe that every person has value, then what is the source of that value?
  - a. Atheism (Naturalism): All that exists is matter (stuff). No God.
  - b. Polytheism (Paganism): I serve the gods and they fuel my good fortune and self-advancement.
  - c. Theism: Morality without an example.
  - d. Christian Theism: For human rights, Christian Theism offers a foundational belief that all persons of every age, stage, and shade, have been made in the image of God and thus are all worthy of dignity and respect.

Genesis 1:27

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

Genesis 9:6

*Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.*

Psalms 139:13-16

*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. <sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.*

Job 10:8-12, 31:15; Isaiah 44:2, 49:1; Jeremiah 1:5; Galatians 1:15.

Deuteronomy 30:18

*I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,*

2) Specifics of human value: Who qualifies?

### SLED

- **Size**: Does someone's weight or height determine whether or not they are human?
- **Level** of development: High school students, you are *less* developed than your parents...but does that mean your parents are more human than you are?
- **Environment**: Does your location make you more or less of a human being?
- Degree of **dependency**: Does dependence upon another person make you more or less of a human being?

3) Our sin, shame, and guilt can be overcome through Jesus Christ's salvation, grace, and peace.

### Next Steps

- If this is your past, you have an **opportunity** to help others.
- Surrendering the Secret abortion recovery group – Monday, Oct 7-Dec 12 @6:30p, location given once registered. Limited space. Please call Jane at 215-990-7752.
- Bottles for *First Care* in the lobby.
- Adoption and/or foster parenting.