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A photograph of a person's back, showing their dark, curly hair and the collar of a light-colored shirt. They are looking out at a city skyline at night, with blurred lights from buildings in the background. The overall color palette is dark with blue and white highlights.

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Imago Dei:
Life and Death
Genesis 1:26-28

Sermon Overview

At the very beginning of creation, God decided to create man in His own image and likeness—which means He has a plan for us today. We are not a coincidence or someone's mistake, but God's own creation, made for His perfect will.

As we begin a new sermon series on technology, we will look at the first book of the Bible, the Book of Genesis, to remind ourselves: 1) why we are here, and 2) what God wants for us. And how being made in His Image informs how we relate to technology.

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Sermon Series Overview

June 14, 2026	Genesis 1:26-28	Imago Dei: Life and Death
June 21, 2026	Genesis 2:18	It is not Good to be Alone: Community
June 28, 2026	Genesis 3:1–6	Did God Really Say: Digital Temptation
July 5, 2026	Genesis 1:28	Have Dominion Over: Using Technology to the Glory of God



Imago Dei

Sermon Outline

Title: Imago Dei

Text: Genesis 1:26-28

Theme: Since we are made in God's image, our technology must recognize and not devalue human worth.

- 1. The initiative for creating man was from God, not from a man or evolution.**
- 2. God decided to create man in His own image.**
- 3. God had some clear purposes for a man.**
- 4. Man is a climax of God's creative activity.**
- 5. If God created man in his image and likeness, then what is the problem with humanity today?**

Sermon Notes

Sermon Applications



Imago Dei

Discussion Questions

“26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

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

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 1:26-28

1. Which traits of God do we all possess as humans, and what does the creation account teach us about human worth?

As humans created in God’s image, we reflect aspects of His character such as rationality, creativity, morality, relationality, and the ability to exercise stewardship. Genesis 1:26–28 teaches that every person has inherent dignity and worth, not because of achievements or status, but because they are made in God’s image.

2. If humanity is made in God’s image, why are there so many problems both within us and around us? What role does technology play in helping to overcome these problems?

Humans are made in God’s image, yet the fall brought sin into the world, affecting both our hearts and society. Many problems exist because of human rebellion against God. Technology can help address some practical problems and aid spiritual growth through tools like Bible apps, but it cannot remove sin or change the heart.

3. In what ways can technology be used to devalue human worth?

Technology can devalue human worth when people are treated as data, consumers, or products rather than image-bearers of God. It can promote exploitation, pornography, misinformation, discrimination, and isolation.

Discussion Questions

4. In what ways are we tempted to use technology to gain or enhance our worth, and how can we as Christians fight against this temptation?

We are often tempted to seek worth through social media approval, online influence, productivity, or digital achievements. Christians fight this by remembering that our identity comes from being made in God's image and redeemed by Christ. Regular prayer, Scripture, and Christian community help us find our value in God rather than technology.

5. Discuss the differences between artificial intelligence and humanity, as well as the ethical issues the church needs to address.

Artificial intelligence can process information, recognize patterns, and generate content, but it is not a human being. Humans are uniquely created in God's image (Genesis 1:26–28), possessing moral responsibility, self-awareness, eternal souls, and the capacity for a personal relationship with God. AI can imitate certain human abilities, but it cannot worship, repent, love God, or bear His image.

6. What are the various ways technology has been used to prevent, destroy, prolong, or create human life (including discussions on just-war theory, abortion, birth control, euthanasia, life support, IVF, etc.), and what is the biblical response to each?

This is a broad topic, and Christians differ on some applications. A helpful biblical framework is that human life is sacred because people are made in God's image (Genesis 1:26–27), God is the giver of life (Job 1:21), and we are called to protect and love human beings from conception to natural death.

For each of these issues, Christians should ask:

- 1. Does this uphold the dignity of people made in God's image?*
- 2. Does it protect innocent life?*
- 3. Does it respect God's authority as Creator and Lord of life?*
- 4. Does it express love for neighbor and justice?*



Imago Dei

Prayer & Praise

End your time together by reflecting on the goodness of God and praying for one another.

Prayer Requests

Praise Reports