

## Distinctions: Humans and Creatures

Humans are the only part of creation created in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_. Denying this truth removes the basis of human \_\_\_\_\_ and ensures the \_\_\_\_\_ of all human life.

### The Uniqueness of Humanity:

1. Humans are uniquely created in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

The Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life . . . Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens. **Genesis 2:9, 19**

For your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image. **Genesis 9:5-6**

No human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. **James 3:8-9**

2. The image of God in humanity is the basis for our unique \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

3. The image of God in humanity is the basis for our unique \_\_\_\_\_ over the rest of creation.

4. The image of God in humanity is the basis for our unique \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

- We communicate on deep levels
- We build deep, personal relationships
- We create
- We think rationally
- We discover what God has encoded in the created order
- We love sacrificially

5. The image of God in humanity is the basis for our unique \_\_\_\_\_.

### Key Points to Remember:

- We cannot stand in judgment of the culture if we have rejected God's design within our own families and churches.
- Every person has intrinsic value because he or she is created in the image of God.
- We must stand for the truth that every person, from the womb to the tomb, is created in the image of God and is intrinsically valuable.

### Fill in the Blank Answers:

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Humans are the only part of creation created in the image of God. Denying this foundational truth removes the basis of human dignity and ensures the devaluing of all human life.

1. Image, God
2. Relationship
3. Authority
4. Worship
5. value