



We Swim for Jesus!

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created Him; male and female He created them.” Genesis 1:27

Bible Verse for Week #1 **Life Application notes**

1. God created everything there is, including human beings, men and women. We did not happen by chance – God created us on purpose; it was His choice. God is love and love is best expressed toward something or someone else – so God created the world and people as an expression of His love. We are loved – isn't that great? Our response should be gratitude – to love and obey God with all our heart.
2. Being created in God's "image" means that we are reflections of God's glory. Some feel that the ability of humans to reason and think conceptually and their creativity, speech, and determination constitute the image of God. More likely, however, it is our entire self that reflects God's image. People will never be totally God because He is perfect, limitless, and the supreme Creator. But we can reflect God's character in our love, patience, forgiveness, kindness, and faithfulness. In what way do you reflect God's image to others?
3. Knowing that we are created in the image of God gives us a solid basis for our self-worth. Regardless of how you look or feel or what you are going through, you can feel positive about yourself. God created you like Himself – you are special!
4. It's easy to get down on ourselves when things are going badly or when we fail. But remember, downgrading yourself is criticizing what God has made and the abilities He has given you. Understanding that you are a person of worth helps you love God, know Him personally, and love others.
5. Notice that God made both man and woman in His image. Neither is made more in the image of God than the other – neither is better in God's sight. In fact, both are at the pinnacle of God's creation. And God's plan is for both men and women to rule over the rest of His wonderful creation.
6. God created all men and women in His image. People are not just advanced animals – they are special creations with souls and God's stamp of approval. That includes our friends, neighbors, and even our enemies. Even the most despicable criminal is a special creation of God. Look at people from God's perspective, and you'll begin to treat them differently.

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“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34

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