

# creed

humanity

B \_\_\_\_\_ become c \_\_\_\_\_  
when they d \_\_\_\_\_ who we are  
and sh \_\_\_\_\_ the way we l \_\_\_\_\_.

## a radical view of humanity

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:26-27

*the creed of image calls us to...*

...become truly h \_\_\_\_\_  
...r \_\_\_\_\_ how we see o \_\_\_\_\_

We d \_\_\_\_\_ or d \_\_\_\_\_ our h \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

*Some days I value myself too m \_\_\_\_\_.*

I must remember,

I'm n \_\_\_\_\_ the center of everything  
I have capacity for great e \_\_\_\_\_  
I'm not more v \_\_\_\_\_ than anyone else

*Some days I value myself too l \_\_\_\_\_.*

I must remember,

I'm i \_\_\_\_\_  
I have capacity for great g \_\_\_\_\_  
I should be treated with d \_\_\_\_\_ and r \_\_\_\_\_

...e \_\_\_\_\_ the humanity of others

We degrade or develop the humanity of o \_\_\_\_\_ every day.

...r \_\_\_\_\_ how we see e \_\_\_\_\_ person

## P E O P L E

People were created by the special act of God, in His own image, and are the crowning work of His creation. In the beginning the first man and woman were innocent of sin and were endowed by the creator with freedom of choice. By free choice the first man and woman sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan the first man and woman transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence; whereby his posterity inherits a nature and an environment inclined towards sin, and as soon as they are capable of moral action become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring people into His holy fellowship and enable people to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that Christ died for people; therefore every person possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love. We therefore reject any abuse of people including racism, sexism, classism, religious persecution and we should work against such abuses. We also believe that Christ followers should work to end the suffering of people from poverty, tyranny and injustice.

excerpt from Jacob's Well Statement of Faith

Every person...

...has v \_\_\_\_\_

...is e \_\_\_\_\_

...is i \_\_\_\_\_

...must be l \_\_\_\_\_

...must be r \_\_\_\_\_

...has rights to be d \_\_\_\_\_

...must be treated j \_\_\_\_\_

We cannot discover our own h \_\_\_\_\_  
while d \_\_\_\_\_ another person's humanity.

## next steps

### Recommended Reading:

Till We Have Faces -- C.S. Lewis

Orthodoxy -- G.K. Chesterton

Leadership and Self-Deception -- Arbinger Institute