



Course Schedule

Class 1: Diversity? Unity? For God's Sake!

Class 2: How God Builds Unity and Diversity

Class 3: The Image of God in Our Unity and Diversity

Class 4: God's Purposes for Similarity in the Church

Class 5: Working Through Disunity

Class 6: Counsel for Christians in the Majority

Class 7: Counsel for Christians in the Minority

Core Seminar

Unity and Diversity in the Local Church

Class 3: The Image of God in Our Unity and Diversity

I. Introduction

A. Importance of Understanding God's Image:

1. God's Glory
2. Our Maturity in Christ

B. The Image of God in 4 Layers:

1. Layer 1: The Image of God from Creation & Our Equality
2. Layer 2: The Image of God from creation & Our Value
3. Layer 3: The Image of Christ from Redemption & Our Corporate Value
4. Layer 4: The Image of Christ from Redemption & Our Forbearing

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II. The Image of God in Creation Makes Our Value ...

A. Equal (Gen. 1:26-28) | Layer 1

- Implication: Peers, not Projects

B. Derived Not Earned (Gen. 1:26-28) | Layer 2

- Implication: Treating Others Rightly
- The Image of God in Creation: “Mankind’s uniquely blessed and inherently valued capacity to display God’s glory”

III. The Image of Christ From Redemption Makes Our Value Supernaturally ...

A. Corporate (1 Cor. 12:26; Eph. 1:16; Gal. 5:13) | Layer 3

- Implication: Seeing, Cherishing, and Pursuing Our Unity Before Our Diversity

B. Progressive (2 Cor. 3:18; Rom. 8:29, 30) | Layer 4

- Implication: Joyfully Forbearing With Others in the Church Until We’re the Church

IV. Conclusion

- A. Praise God for Our Unity and Diversity (Eph. 1:15-16)
- B. Keep Working on Perfecting Your Image in Christ (Phil. 2:12)