

# Teaching Guide: Transhumanism and the Image of God

## Introduction

This teaching guide explores how Christians can understand and respond to transhumanism—an ideology that seeks to use advanced technology to enhance or even replace human limitations. As followers of Jesus, we believe that human life is sacred because we are made in the image of God. Our value, purpose, and future are not found in technology, but in Christ, who made us, redeems us, and will one day glorify us.

## What the Bible Teaches

1. *Created in God's Image* (*Genesis 1:26–27*): We are created male and female in God's image. Our dignity is given by God—not earned by enhancements.
2. *Fallen But Not Forgotten* (*Genesis 3*): Sin entered the world through pride and the desire to become like God. Transhumanism echoes this same temptation.
3. *Jesus Redeems the Whole Person* (*John 1:14; Hebrews 2:14–17*): Christ became fully human—body and soul—to save us. The body matters.
4. *Hope in Resurrection* (*1 Corinthians 15:42–49; Philippians 3:20–21*): Our future is not upgrading this body but receiving a new, glorified one through Christ.
5. *Eternal Life Is a Gift* (*1 Timothy 6:16; Romans 6:23*): Immortality belongs to God alone and is granted to us through faith in Jesus—not through human effort.

## How to Teach and Preach This

- *Emphasize God's design*: Human nature is not something to be changed, but cherished.
- *Proclaim the gospel*: Salvation comes through Jesus Christ, not science or technology.
- *Teach hope in resurrection*: Believers will receive new bodies when Christ returns—not through cybernetic upgrades.

- Warn with grace: Point out the dangers of human pride and remind people of God's love and redemptive plan.
- Encourage discernment: Help believers think Biblically about new technologies, using them for good but not idolizing them.

## Ministry Applications

- Equip the Church: Offer biblical studies on human identity, creation, and resurrection.
- Shepherd Wisely: Counsel believers who struggle with body image, health fears, or fascination with tech as their hope.
- Engage the Culture: Speak clearly on ethical boundaries and advocate for the dignity of all human life.
- Provide Pastoral Care: Walk alongside those wrestling with the moral and emotional effects of tech and modern life.
- Lift Up Yeshua: Remind the church that only Messiah satisfies the deepest human needs for transformation, purpose, and life eternal.

## Conclusion

Transhumanism is not just a science issue—it's a discipleship issue. It offers a false gospel of self-made salvation. As pastors and teachers, let us be bold in declaring that we are not gods, but God's people. We were created with purpose, redeemed by grace, and destined for glory—not through machines, but through the risen Lord Jesus Christ.