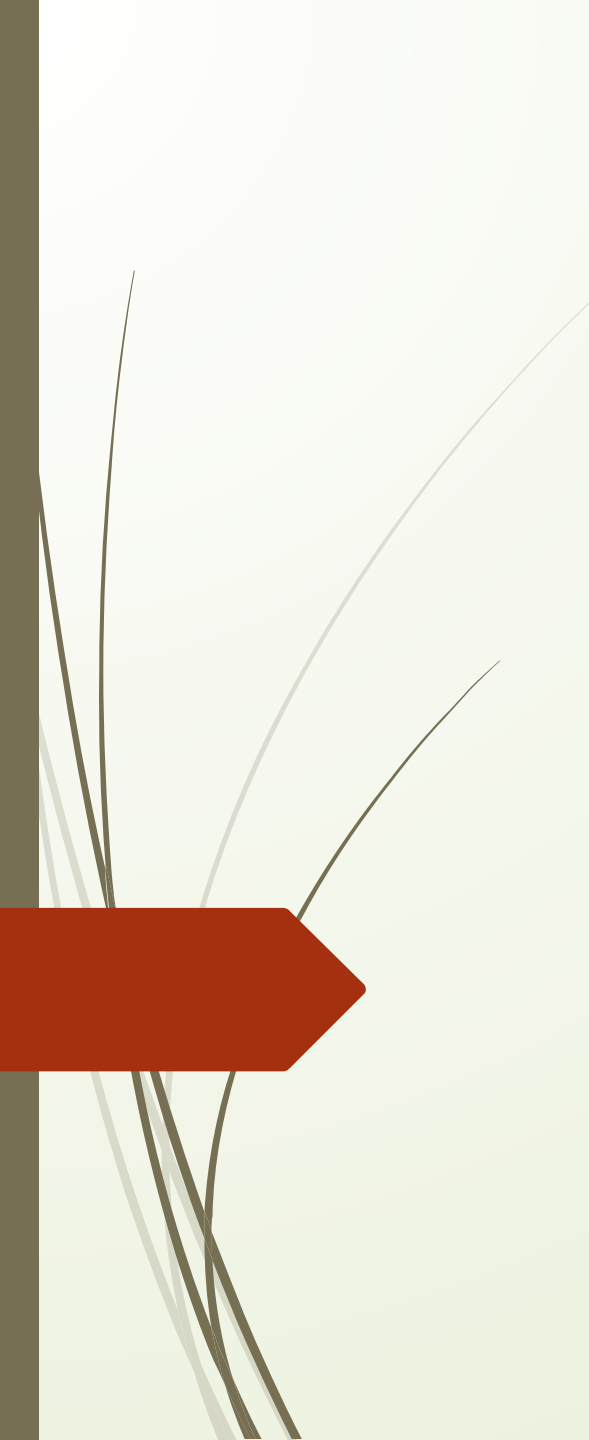
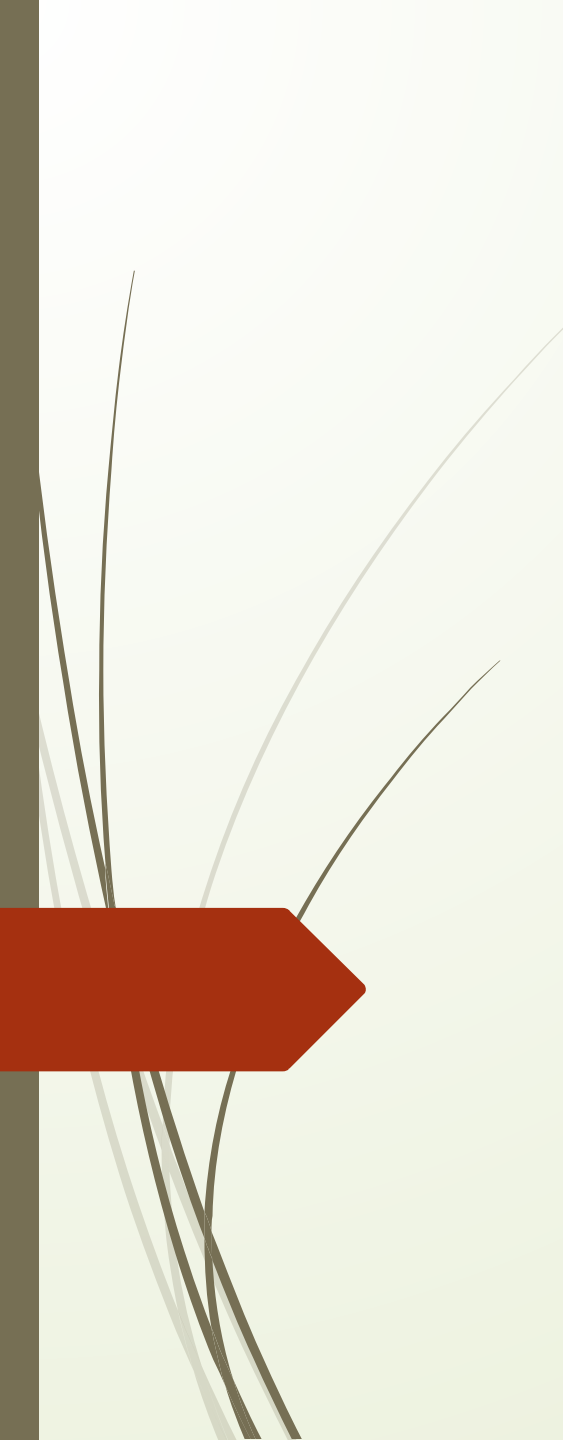


We are **not** special: The  
Importance of Having a  
Correct Understanding of  
Human Rights



The ideal of Christian character is Christlikeness. There is opened before us a path of continual advancement. We have an object to reach, a standard to gain, which includes everything good and pure and noble and elevated. There should be continual striving and constant progress onward and upward toward perfection of character.... CT 365.3



Christ, the epitome of righteousness and who exuded Christlikeness throughout His life, came down to our level, to live our life, to be like us (humans), and to show us what proper relationships with humans looks like. He came to connect with humanity, for in doing that, He would be able to win them to himself.



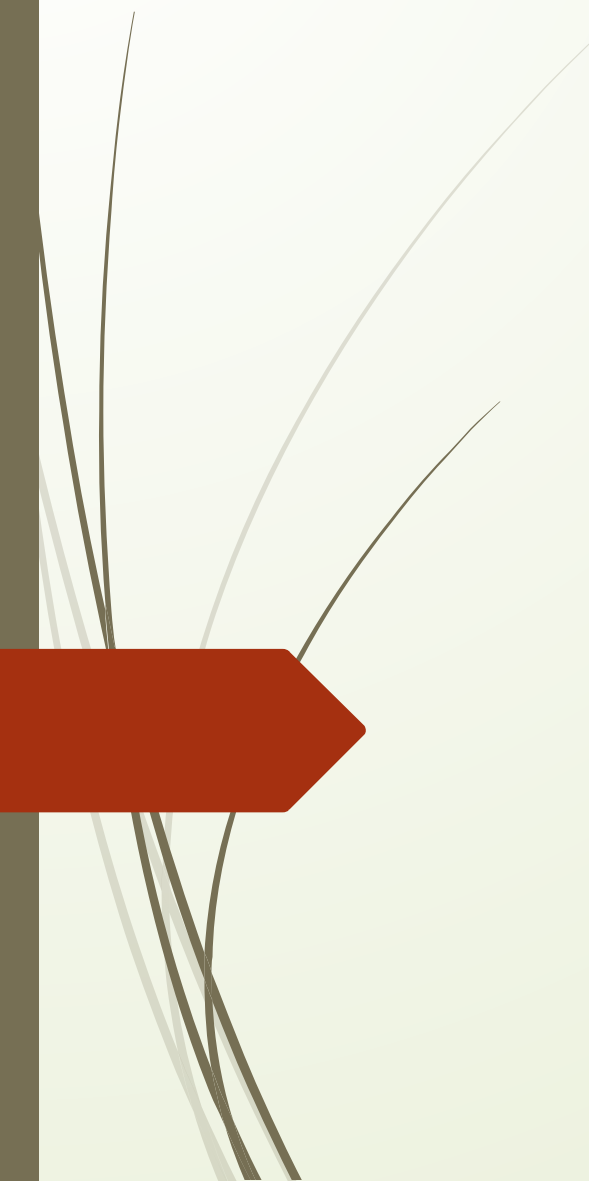
## God's Ideal for Man

The religion of Christ never degrades the receiver. It never makes him coarse or rough, discourteous or self-important, passionate or hardhearted. On the contrary, it refines the taste, sanctifies the judgment, and purifies and ennobles the thoughts, bringing them into captivity to Jesus Christ. CT 365.1

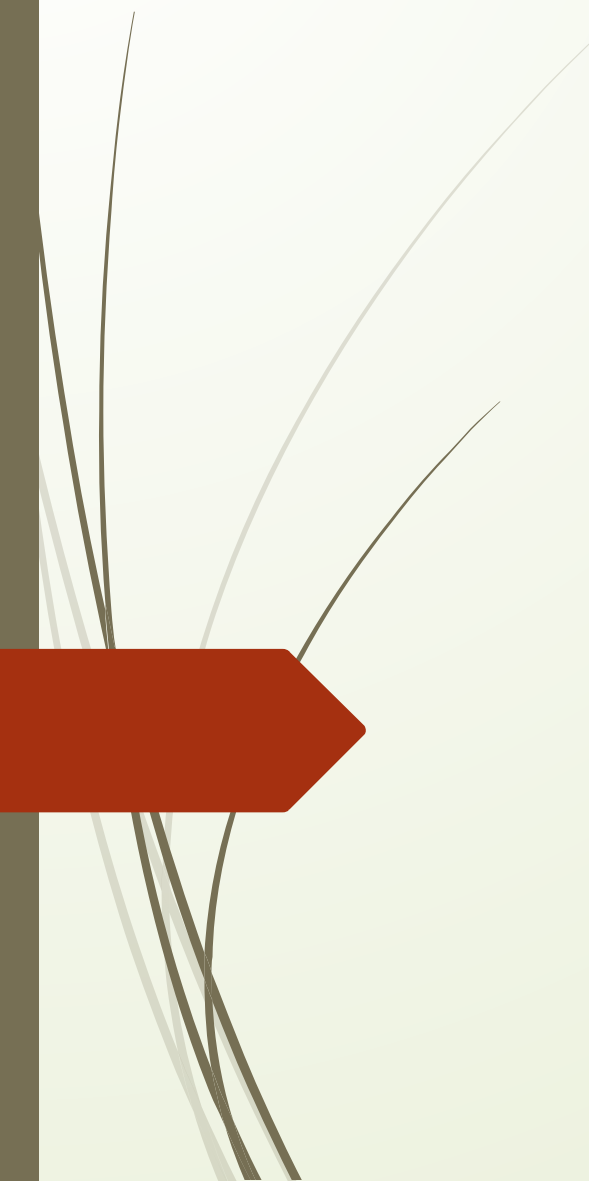
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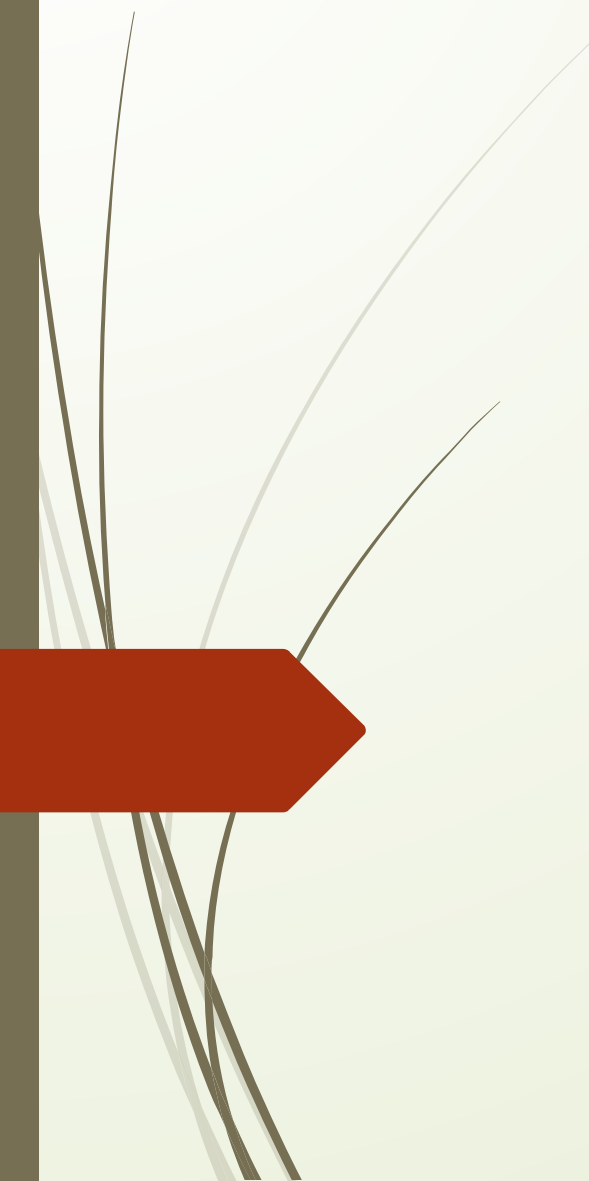
Article 1: All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.



Having a correct understanding of human rights - we see that God made everyone to have human rights, then we will be less likely to think of ourselves as better than anyone else. Christ himself shows us the best example of how that works. Jesus set the example. he came down to earth from heaven to save us. See John 3:16



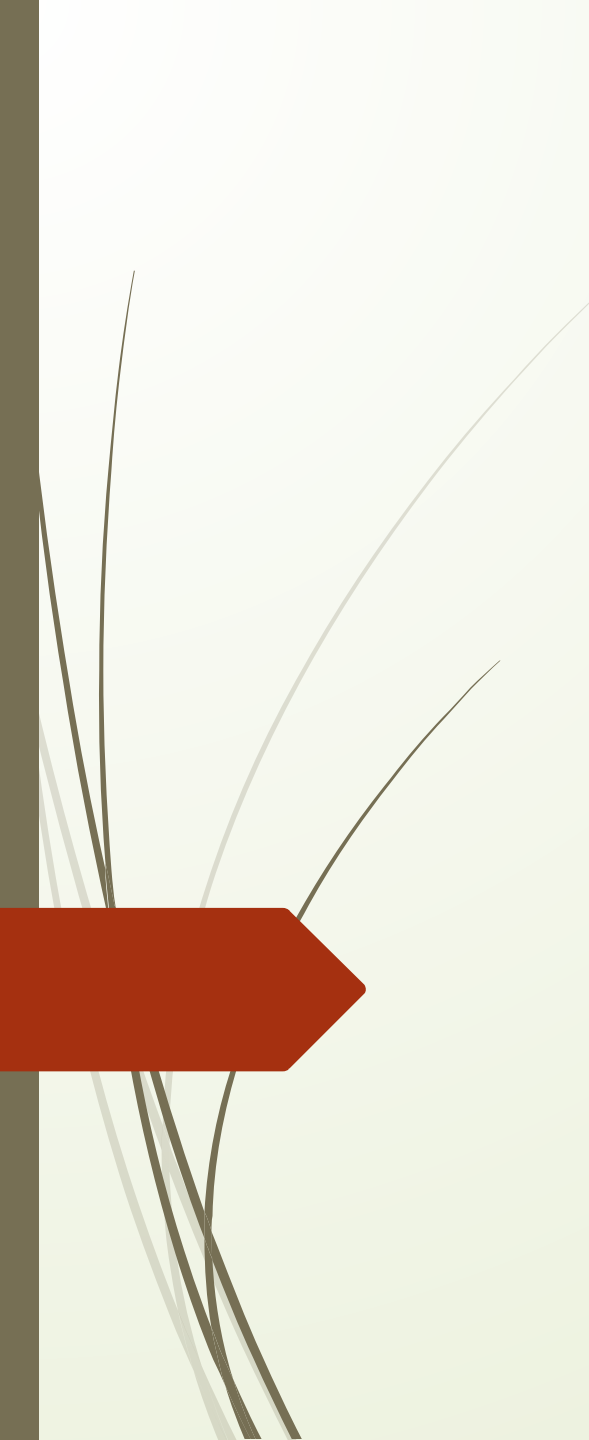
When we realize that human rights pertain to everyone and not some select group, we will be able to respect other people's choices and, in that way, we will be more accommodative, more willing to see the perspective of others and strive for reconciliation and as well as show empathy. John 8:11 – Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more.



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