

Sanctity of Human Life

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MEANING:

- Holiness of all human life – all human life belongs to God and is set apart by God for His glory, exclusive use and good pleasure of His will. God requires it to be esteemed and protected.

SCOPE of VIOLATIONS:

- **Abortion (50+ to 60 million** in the USA – “for convenience”)/murder/euthanasia/genocide/suicide
 - Slavery/human trafficking/rape/incest/prostitution/homosexuality/pornography
 - Disenfranchisement and abuse of women and children
 - Abuse of -- gambling/alcohol/tobacco/extremes in unhealthy or unsafe care of self or others
 - Racism/prejudice/discrimination
 - Neglect of the spiritually lost/starving/medically needy/severely physically or mentally challenged/elderly
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Genesis 1:26-31 (NASB)

Genesis 4:8-11 (NASB)

Genesis 9:5-7 (NASB)

⁵ "Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man. ⁶ "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man. ⁷ "As for you, be fruitful and multiply; Populate the earth abundantly and multiply in it."

Exodus 21:22-25 (NASB95)

²² "If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges *decide*. ²³ "But if there is **any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life, ²⁴ eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵ burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.**

Psalms 139:13-16 (NASB95)

¹³ For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; ¹⁶ **Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.**

Psalms 51:5 (NASB95)

⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

1. Church moved toward accepting abortion before Rowe v Wade
 2. Church has bought into “potential v person” concept (statistics for abortion reflect this)
 3. Church moved from absolutes to relativism – concern for child -- >> concern for mother
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• **Abortion**

I believe, and therefore teach, that the Bible teaches that man is made in the image and likeness of God and, as such, is called to moral accountability to God for his actions. Our creation in the image and likeness of God is attributed from conception and defines what it means to be human more than any other quality we can perceive.

The Bible is equally clear that God prohibits the taking of human life as an individual act (except in the case of self-defense against an evil which employs lethal force), regardless of reason (anger, revenge, convenience or conviction). This sanctity of human life is so set apart from human decision that one does not even have authority to take one's own life. The time of our death is to be left entirely to the will of God.

We in America, and many in the church, have become without conscience to the pandemic abortion crisis. We are a nation that has murdered so many of its unborn; more than six times the population of our third largest metropolitan area (Chicago). Those children's lives are greater in number than all the lives which have been lost because of all causes in the major diseases, accidents, wars and other violent crimes in America since we legalized abortion.

How the wealthiest nation in the history of the human race can justify its actions is beyond comprehension. Our values have shifted entirely away from God's values as our love of the material and self have caused us to attempt to throw off the Lordship of God over/in our lives.

The church in America is asleep at the wheel and has provided little spiritual wisdom much less assertive spiritual direction to our lost relativistic culture. Drastic action under the law of the land and in keeping with the principles of Christian love must be taken. The church is called to have the courage to both teach and do the will of God, she knows so well. Besides our lack of action against the legality of abortion, we have not done enough to provide alternatives. We must love those wrestling with temptation enough to come beside them in prayer and in a material way to help them persevere

As for those who are responsible (mothers, fathers, doctors, citizens and etc.), there is forgiveness, healing and restoration in the same Cross of Christ that is available, to those who believe, for every other kind of sin imaginable. We Christians need to start by having a broken and contrite spirit and in true humility to repent of this sin, and turn back to the Lordship of God in our lives. His ownership of us was established by His creation of us. We are in His image. His love for us was established with the Lamb slain before the foundations of the world. We need to love as Christ loves.

