

Human Life is Sacred

1. It is the responsibility of the Christian Church and of each individual Christian to proclaim these truths about the sanctity of all human life.

A. God is the Creator of all human life.

Genesis 1:26-27 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." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:7, 18, 21-22 The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Hebrews 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.

Psalms 139:13-16 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

B. Human life on earth begins at conception and continues until the spirit leaves the body.

Psalms 51:5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Luke 1:44 "As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy."

Luke 23:46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

Matthew 27:50 And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit.

C. Human life belongs to God alone and is not to be destroyed outside of His instructions.

Exodus 20:13 You shall not murder.

Genesis 9:5-6 And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.

Romans 13:4 For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

Exodus 21:22-25 If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands.

and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

D. We are to do all within our power to proclaim the sanctity of human life, to protect the helpless and innocent.

Proverbs 31:8-9 Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.

Isaiah 58:6-8 Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

2. It is the responsibility of the Christian Church and of each individual Christian to reach out to those who have been involved in an abortion.

A. We must come to the absolute conviction that we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God and that we are saved only through the perfect life and sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:23-24 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

B. We are then to learn what it means to feel compassion for those who have been involved in an abortion so that we want to reach out to them with the Gospel.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

C. We must realize that they will be defensive about their sins because their consciences must be quieted. Thus they will deny the abortion, blame others, or ardently defend their actions.

Genesis 3:8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

D. We must present the Gospel in such a way that they know that God is a loving God who has already forgiven them through Jesus. Only then they will be willing to confess and claim Jesus.

Romans 3:23-24 (See above.)

E. We also must present the hope that they can hold their child in their arms in Paradise, in a world where all is forgiven.

1 John 4:16 God is love.

1 Timothy 2:3-4 God ... wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

John 3:3 Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

1 Corinthians 2:9 No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him.

Final thought: Matthew 5:13, 14 *"You are the salt of the earth. ... You are the light of the world."*