

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

“Biblical Views on Human Life”

Deuteronomy 30:11-20

January 15, 2012

Deuteronomy 30:19, “This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live.”

QUESTION: “Are abortion, suicide and euthanasia options for the Christian?”

Distinct from every other created thing, humans have God’s image. **Genesis 1:27**, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

1. Abortion

See the story of King Manasseh in **2 Chronicles 33**.

Genesis 9:6, “Whoever sheds man’s blood, his blood will be shed by man, for God made man in His image.”

“Since when does anyone’s right to live depend upon someone else wanting them? Killing the unwanted is a monstrous evil ... So should a woman have the right to choose? I have a right to free speech, but not to shout “fire” in a theater. A person’s right to anything stops when it injures or kills another living human ... The pivotal question is, should any civilized nation give to one citizen the absolute right to kill another to solve that first person’s personal problem.?” **John Wilke, Director of the Life Issues Institute in Cincinnati**

Forgiveness – 1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

2. Suicide

Christians have from the earliest days viewed suicide as like murdering oneself. In that view suicide is outlawed under the sixth commandment “You shall not kill.”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, “Don’t you know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.”

Philippians 1:21-26, “For me, living is Christ and dying is gain. Now if I live on in the flesh, this means fruitful work for me; and I don’t know which one I should choose. I am pressured by both. I have the desire to depart and be with Christ — which is far better — but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am persuaded of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that, because of me, your confidence may grow in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.”

Is suicide an option for the Christian? No. It’s a rebellious act against a creature of God made in his image and likeness – it’s an act of violence against God.

3. Euthanasia.

Euthanasia is the intentional killing of someone whose life is deemed not worth living.

Jesus went about healing the ill and raising the dead to life. The early church went out of their way to provide and care for the elderly and disadvantaged.

Next Steps:

- Memorize Deut. 30:19.
- Financially support First Choice Women’s Resource Center throughout the year. Or consider becoming a volunteer there.
- Participate in the Baby Bottle Boomerang.
- Open your home for foster care or adoption.
- Reach out, love and care for our elderly.