

CALL to PRAYER - Thank God for the gift of life and the grace of eternal life

## Genesis 4:9-10 – Sanctity of Life Sondag 2022

Intro – 49 years ago SCOTUS struck down state restrictions on abortion. In that decision the court invented a constitutional right to kill the unborn throughout all 9 months of pregnancy. By judicial decree it was declared that the unborn were not *persons* and only *potential life* so for the last generation it has become open season on the unborn in the USA. Today is set aside as sanctity of Life SONday in order to commemorate this dreadful and devilish decision. *But is it right to do this church?* Yes, the prophets of old confronted both king and county about what was lawful/right in eyes of God. The kingdom of heaven is to be brought to bear upon the earth We pray “Your kingdom come...will be done on earth...” The church is tasked with addressing sin and this scourge in society, this evil on earth and calling out the abomination of abortion. Our Creator has revealed His will which says, “Thou shalt not murder.” Abortion is murder. Child sacrifice is wickedly wrong. Today we will address: 1] why human life is sacred, 2] expose the sin of abortion & 3] offer forgiveness from sin and the gift of eternal life

### THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

- Sanctity = sanctify = set apart as holy/separate/different/other/sacred/special
  - Life is special                                      Human life is *special-er*.
    - Human life is different. It is in a class by itself, separate, holy, other
- Image of God                                      Genesis 1:27
  - Humans have a unique position in creation – we are made in Gods image
  - Mankind has a capacity to reflect the Creator like no other creature can
    - We are all broken by sin, but we all still bear His image
  - A dignity, respect and honor are to be afforded to every human being/life
    - Society tends to elevate lower life forms while devaluing human life to that of animals. This is a great perversion. (Outcry over pig abortions)
      - The myth of evolution says we are made in an animal's image
- Life      The kind of life man has been given is eternal. (Different than plant or animal)
  - Body/soul/spirit entwined and existing for eternity and mirroring our Creator
  - The life of creature is in the blood      (Lev. 17:11,14)
    - To take human life is to assault the image of God                                      Gen. 9:6

### THE SIN OF ABORTION

- Abortion is the taking of human life within the womb of their mother (common practice)
  - Abortion is the leading cause of death worldwide and in USA.
    - W.H.O. & Guttmacher – 73 million abortions last year in the world
    - We are approaching 70 million in USA over last 49 years (a holocaust)
  - 5.5 million died worldwide covid in last 2 yrs. Abortion is 30 x's more prevalent
    - Imagine hearing about 200,000 deaths happening daily in our world

- The CDC says heart disease is the leading cause of death in society
  - maybe they are right.... for there has got to be something wrong with our hearts when the leading cause of death is parents killing their own children
    - The Creation mandate is to be fruitful and multiply and to fill the earth. But we are not to fill the earth with our slain
- Abortion is a barbaric sin. It is child sacrifice
  - Child sacrifice has been practiced in many cultures throughout history
  - The people of God were warned against this wickedness Ps. 106:34-38
  - Because of laws restricting abortion the Church of Satan has sued on religious liberty grounds because abortion is a sacrament to them.
    - Abortion is a sacrifice to demons
- America is guilty of extreme barbarism in this matter
  - PITT received grant from NIH to harvest parts of babies. They claim to retrieve the *best specimens* because they record a shorter time between loss of blood flow and harvesting. They induce labor so they can dissect the baby while still alive
    - Medical advancement built on the dead bodies of our babies
    - They also have a quota system to insure 50% minority babies
  - Bill Johnson noted that in our civilization we have a hunting season on animals but it is always open season on human babies
    - We are inhumane with humans barbaric wickedness
- The life of the creature is in its blood. Abortion stops a heart and sheds innocent blood
  - Our world is polluted with innocent blood
    - Numbers 35:33
  - The blood of our brothers and sisters cries out from the ground Gen. 4:10
    - The earth will reveal the blood shed on it Isaiah 26:21
    - We are our brother's keeper
- The sin of abortion should not be regulated...it should be eliminated

### SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE

- The church should deal forthrightly with sin
- It should deal just as forthrightly with salvation from sin (balance news – good & bad)
  - A few years ago, the Catholic church offered an indulgence to get forgiveness for the sin of abortion. That offer expired in 2016 (?)
  - Good news - today is the day of salvation!
    - God graciously offers to forgive: idolaters, blasphemers, sabbath breakers, rebels against authority, murders, sexually immoral, liars, thieves, covetous. He will save sinners
    - 1 John 1:9
    - Jesus Christ is the only Savior of sinners.
      - His innocent blood was shed to save those who shed innocent blood
  - We are all made in Gods image.
    - We all have an everlasting life....either lived in heaven or in hell