

CALL to PRAYER - Thank God for life. Ask for love for God & respect for life in land - Prov. 8:36

Leviticus 19:14 - Sanctity of Human Life SONday

Intro - One Sunday every Jan. is set aside as SOHLS. This remembrance was instituted to mark the dastardly & deadly decision by SCOTUS in *Roe -v- Wade* which declared that human babies in the womb were not persons & so did not have protections of the law. Since declaring open season on innocent...approx. 70 million babies have been slaughtered on the American alters of *Choice, Selfishness, & Rights*. The Bible addresses this wickedness which resides in the hearts of natural man, and it also exposes other outworking's of this sin in our dealings with each other. So, today we will touch on the topic of abortion but will not be confined to that sad subject. The devaluing of human life is evident all around us. Oh, human life is valued in our society...just not all human life. Some humans are demeaned, downgraded, and even publicly lobbied to be destroyed. Certain kinds of humans are not considered to be useful ^(alive). When alive - they are deemed to be a *burden...a drain...or just an inconvenience to our selfishness*. They are verbally labeled for their lack of worth. Human life is assessed on a caste system of: *The Valuable, The Tolerable, The Mockable or The Expendable*. The Bible tells us that all human life is sacred. Every individual, from the moment of conception, is made IOG, and owed dignity, respect and honor.

1. Thank God that the ruling in *Roe* was undone! Roe was a reproach - Prov. 14:34
 - a. God removed the blindness from some on the bench Job 9:24
2. Many lives have been spared but abortion remains a giant stain in our land
 - a. Overturning *Roe* just sent the issue back to the States to decide
 - b. Now there are 50 different approaches to this reproach of abortion
 - i. Celebrate it.....Regulated it.....(very few if any want to) Eliminate it
3. Much debated among citizenry but should be no debate within Christianity
 - a. Abortion breaks the 6th Commandment Ex. 20:13 Abortion = Murder
 - i. Bad choice Sinful choice Murderous choice
 - b. The shedding of innocent blood Numbers 35:33
 - c. Child sacrifice Jer. 32:35
 - d. Life for life when pregnant woman is injured and baby is killed (Ex. 21:22-25)
 - e. Violation of love "*love does no harm to its neighbor*" Rom. 13:10
 - i. Against medical tradition Hippocratic oath "*do no harm... do not administer a poison when asked to... do not provide a remedy that causes an abortion.*"
 - f. Abortion is not a new sin (Hippocratic oath is older than Christianity)
 - i. Abortion has always been opposed by Christian & moral physician alike
4. Human life is to be "sanctified"
 - a. Sanctify = to set apart a different/holy
 - b. Human life is different than other life created on our planet (all life is amazing!)
 - c. Sanctity of HUMAN life - human life is exalted far above animal/plant life
 - d. Recently read a description of millennials as "*generation who loves their pets more than their kids.*" That is unnatural and unchristian
 - e. Humans are made in the image of God - Gen. 1:27

5. All of human life is to be afforded the dignity they deserve
 - a. This is to be applied to all humans without discrimination
 - b. Young/old...male/female....sick/heathy....rich/poor....liberal/conservative...believer/ unbeliever... citizen/alien....homeless/housed....born/unborn
 - c. A persons: color, size, intellect, circumstance or perceived usefulness should have no bearing on basic human dignity.
6. Lev. 19:14
 - a. This is in a “holiness chapter” (“be ye holy” & “love neighbor as self”)
 - b. A deaf man can’t hear the curse and blind man can’t see the meanness....
 - i. but we are not to curse the deaf....
 1. Their awareness has no bearing on the meanness
 - ii. We bear the responsibility to honor all image bearers
 - c. How we treat and speak of the least of humanity is how we view humanity and their Maker. Exodus 4:11 Prov. 17:5a
 - d. James 3:8-9
 - e. Matt. 5:22 to demean our fellow man is to bring judgment from Jesus
7. The devaluing of human life is rampant in our society
 - a. 19 yr. old girl protecting special needs person from bully – punched...lost eye
 - b. Man stabbed to death by swarm of 8 teenage girls (13-16)
 - c. 6 yr. old boy shoots his teacher
 - d. 12 yr. old girl stabs her 9 yr. old brother to death in Tulsa
 - i. Maybe it would be beneficial to teach the 10 Commandments
 - e. 1000’s are euthanized ever year. Some won’t execute murderers but will gladly euthanize the elderly, the infirmed & the depressed? (MAID in Canada)
 - i. The penalty for taking a life shows society value of life – Gen. 9:6
 - f. 4 yr. old little girl beaten to death by man on Christmas day
 - i. We are shocked...but shouldn’t be
 - g. We have devalued & discarded the unwanted for years
 - i. Doctors dismember babies and harvest the good parts to sell –
 - ii. Down syndrome babies are targeted for extermination
 1. Why wouldn’t the rest of society mock and curse them?
8. Why make such a big issue of Abortion?
 - a. It is one of the biggest Human rights Civil rights issues
 - i. The inconvenient.... the imperfectand the poorare targeted with abortion
 - ii. Much racism in abortion – minority communities are majority aborted
 - b. Life and death issue
 - i. W.H.O – 9 million died from heart disease last year....73 million from abortion
 1. Humanity’s number one problem is a heart problem
 - ii. 69 million died from all causes. 73 million from abortion.
 1. More died from abortion last year than from all other causes combined
 2. The slaughter of the innocent continues (Prov. 8:36)
9. Abortion is a forgiveness issue
 - a. Pope gave an indulgence for abortion forgiveness a few years ago (expired in 16...reinstated?)
 - b. Jesus came for save and forgive (murderers, adulterers, liars, thieves, covetous, blasphemers, idolaters)
 - i. 1 John 1:8-9