



Sanctity of Life Sunday

Galatians 6:2

Passages to Consider:

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ (Galatians 6:2).

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God (Hebrews 13:16).

'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me' (Matthew 25:45).

Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay (Matthew 10:8).

If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday (Isaiah 58:10).

Context:

"Sanctity of life is the most important social, moral, and spiritual issue of our day" (Pastor Roger Thompson).

- ? What principles can we find in the passages above?
- ? How do these passages reveal God's opinion of the sanctity of life?
- ? What other passages and subsequent principles speak to the sanctity of life?

"Of all the priorities and treasures on earth, human life is the highest. We honor God by respecting His image in every person, and by protecting and preserving human life through all possible means" (Berean Policy Statement).

Content/Application:

Our call is to remain sensitive to the world's attack on the sanctity of life. The world wants us to become numb. Consider these five symptoms:

Theological Neuropathy

The world wants us to slowly lose feeling toward the sanctity of life. On every side, we hear that life is valuable only when it meets the criteria of SLED:

S = size
L = level of development
E = environment
D = dependency

- ? How does the SLED criteria fail biblical scrutiny?
- ? What do Genesis chapters 1-2 tell us about the creation of humankind (specifically in 1:26-27)?
- ? What does it mean to be created “in the image of God”?
- ? Is that important? Why?

Sentimental Dyslexia

The world wants to impair our ability to acquire and process language. We are bombarded with lies such as: “Humans and animals are of equal value,” “There is no difference between male and female,” “It is a choice, not a child,” and “Feelings and truth are synonymous.”

Speciesism rejects the doctrine that human life is above that of other species.

- ? How does the world promote the idea of Speciesism?
- ? What subtle lies can we be tempted to believe in this area of Speciesism?
- ? What does Speciesism have to say about God’s control (sovereignty)?

Media Dementia

It is so easy to spend too much time following media (news, Facebook, Twitter, etc.), and thereby allow our discernment and concentration to deteriorate.

- ? Rather than spending hours immersed in media, how should we, as Christians, invest our time in support of the sanctity of life?
- ? How can we touch individuals in a personal, imminent way?

Contagious Narcissism

- ? How are you fighting for the sanctity of life?
- ? How could you be more proactive in choosing life?

Nationalistic Myopia

- ? Do you acknowledge that this battle spans the globe?
- ? Do you pray for the spread of the gospel “to the ends of the world”?

We are called to be a pro-life church without borders! The Great Commission calls us to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth!