

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-27; 9:6; Exodus 21:22-25; Psalm 72:12-14

## I. Sanctity of Innocent Human Life

### A. God Created Man (Gen 1:26-27)

1. Creation of Man is distinguished from the rest of creation
  - a) Use of plural indicates deliberative nature of man's creation
  - b) Use of plural indicates involvement of the complete Godhead
2. Intimate process detailed in Genesis 2:7, 21-22

### B. God Created Man in His Own Image (Gen 1:26-27)

1. "In His own image" & "In the image of God"
  - a) Moral, Spiritual, Physical, Mental, Relational
  - b) Man is like God and represents God
2. "Male and female"
  - a) Stressing "male and female" is not about political correctness but about biblical correctness

### C. God Prohibits Murdering Innocent Humans

1. What does "murder" mean?
  - a) Ex. 20:13 - "putting to death improperly, for selfish reasons"[1]
  - b) According to the Center for Bio-ethical Reform which gets its numbers from Planned Parenthood and the Guttmacher Institute: 1% of all abortions occur because of rape or incest; 6% of abortions occur because of potential health problems with either the mother or the child; and 93% of all abortions occur for social reasons (that is, the child is unwanted or inconvenient).[1]
2. Why is murder wrong?
  - a) Gen 9:6
  - b) "sheds man's blood" refers to premeditated murder
  - c) Because, unlike any other creature, man is created in the image of God

### D. God Includes the Unborn in His Prohibition Against Murder

1. Multiple passages point to God's knowledge of us, care for us, and role in our creation prior to birth
  - a) Gen. 25:22-23
  - b) Psalm 139:13

- c) Isaiah 49:1
- d) Jeremiah 1:6
- e) Luke 1:41
- 2. Most powerful passage
  - a) Exodus 21:22-25
    - (1) "Children"- God clearly considers the unborn to be children
    - (2) The punishment for harming the child is the same as the punishment for harming the mother
- E. God Calls us to Act as His Representatives
  - 1. As the Righteous King of all creation we read the following regarding God's call to action
    - a) Psalm 72:12-14
  - 2. Application
    - a) Lend your time and talents to pro-life ministries
    - b) Intercede through prayer
    - c) Fund pro-life ministries
    - d) Elect pro-life candidates and vote for pro-life policies

Today, we have made the biblical argument that abortion is morally wrong. We have seen that God views the unborn as fully human beings with the same protections against violence as born human beings. He forbids the murder of human beings because all human beings, whether born or unborn, are created in his image.

That said, abortion is not an unforgivable sin. We must remember that as we seek to serve God and help others experience his love and kindness which leads us to repentance.

We cannot say that we love God if we do not love our fellow man. And we cannot say that we love our fellow man if we do not fight for the right of innocent human beings to live. We cannot say that we love our fellow man if we condemn them for a sin that God is able and just to forgive.

There is much work to be done in this arena. Will you commit to contributing to life through L.I.F.E.?

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[i]Stuart, Douglas K. New American Commentary: Exodus. (Broadman & Holman Publishers, 2006) p.462

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[i][www.abortionno.org/abortion-facts/](http://www.abortionno.org/abortion-facts/)