



## Sanctity of Life

Choose this topic because I don't know that we have done a whole sermon on it

What value does God place on human life and how should we value it?

Abortion, war, euthanasia, death penalty

\*I want you to think and examine God's Word and make informed decisions

\*The Bible doesn't give a detailed command about every situation

Resources

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Abortion

Genesis 1:26-27

-created in the image of God

-God formed man out of the clay and breathed life into him

-Human's have value simply by being human

-Elevates humans above animals (being pro-life but eating meat)

-value life because people can contribute to our world

-value life because of thinking and feeling (don't cause pain)

-speciesist

Genesis 9:6

-God says this to Noah

-It is wrong to take a life because we are made in the image of God

Multiple times in the Old and New Testament. God states that murder is wrong

\*God values human life

\*We must value human life

Because we are created in the image of God and the breathe of God gives us life than our life is one of the most valuable things we have

-Taking a life should not be something do lightly

-90% of abortions in America are a matter of convenience

-Our happiness or convenience is is not more valuable than a life

When does life start?

Jeremiah 1:5

Psalm 139:13-16

Exodus 21:22-25

-Whatever point you say life begins, to take it after that is a serious thing

Jesus offers grace and healing (emotional and spiritual) for those who have been through abortion

\*valuing life means valuing all the way through life

How are we caring for the child after it is born?

care for orphans and widows (James 1:27)

how are we caring for our adult neighbors?

\*Lets be known for caring for and valuing life not for being against abortion

This also informs our view on war, euthanasia, death penalty

-Can valuing human life mean taking it at times?

## Death Penalty

Does our valuing of human life mean we shouldn't support the death penalty?

Genesis 9:5-6

- God institutes the death penalty
- Because human life is so valuable, when someone disregards that it demands the ultimate penalty
- God also gives man the permission to carry out this justice
- Is this passage prescriptive or descriptive

God also advocates the death penalty for other things

- murder (Exodus 21:12)
- kidnapping (Exodus 21:16)
- bestiality (Exodus 22:19)
- adultery (Leviticus 20:10)
- homosexuality (Leviticus 20:13)
- being a false prophet (Deuteronomy 13:5)
- prostitution and rape (Deuteronomy 22:24)

Romans 13:1-7

- Paul gives the government the ability to carry out justice
- Remember this wasn't a nice friendly government in Paul's day

At times we see God forgo the death penalty

2 Samuel 12:13

David deserved death for his sins but God forgave him rather than execute the death penalty

John 8

Jesus could have rightfully stoned the woman but instead forgives her and lets her live

Paul was a murderer of Christians and God forgave him and used him to spread the Gospel

Clearly God values mercy and forgiveness.

God also desires justice and clearly instituted the death penalty, at the least during the time of the law.

-I'll let you decide where you fall on this

-God values human life

-We need to value life no matter who the person is that has that life.

Whether they are an outstanding member of society, a criminal, a fetus, mentally handicapped, rich, poor.

-God values human life so much that he desires that we have eternal life and image of God restored in us. (2 Peter 3:9)