

Sanctity of Human Life: Seeing It God's Way - Genesis 1:27

Introduction. A person's commitment to what lens/interpretive grid they will use to walk through life, is key. Consider an extreme example...

1. Calibrate, align our minds to think about life from God's perspective

Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning God..." John 1:1-3 All things come by Him

Genesis 1:27 "God created man in His own image, man & woman..."

- The Bible's proposition: God is Head of all created order. He makes, He defines. So humankind are derived from God & obtain their def. and value from Him. He sets the boundaries about life and death, we don't!

Hebrews 2:1 We must pay close attention to what we hear from God

Colossians 2:3 In Christ are all the treasures of wisdom & knowledge

2. Scripture shows that human life is personhood from conception

Psalms 139:13-16 "Woven in my mother's womb...wonderfully made"

Job 10:8-12

Persons, not merely organisms

Listen carefully to mis-information, redefining what God calls life

3. We are morally obligated to promote human flourishing

Begins w/gospel eyes toward everyone: 2Corin. 5:18-19, Colos 1:19-20

Moving toward those women who are needy, hurting, fear of poverty, not a good environment to raise a child etc. Galatians 2:10

Conclusion: Actively preserve life, work toward human flourishing!

1. Pray, Pray, Pray estimated 700,000 lives in America this year. The hearts of those 1,917 women who plan to abort today. Broken lives of struggle with guilt. Moral conscience in America that values life made by God

2. Think and act biblically. Let us work from biblical premises: whom I listen to, how I vote--through a biblical grid, as I trust God for making the time and money needed to help the many causes which promote life.

3. Talk. Be willing to speak God's hope to a culture that re-defines and devalues life. Be gracious, extend Christ's mercy. He understands people, what are "the odds" which people feel are against them--women who are victimized. Yet, He is willing to heal, forgive--the cross of Christ proves it!

Do you have a certainty that your life is with God—do you have a hope that is beyond this life? Is your alienation and sin against God forgiven? Come in your heart to Jesus for all of this, receive new life He offers you.