

# The Sanctity of Life

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## I. The Sanctity of Every Human Life

**Every human life is...**

**a choice of God**

**Psalm 127:3** Behold, children are a gift of the LORD; The fruit of the womb is a reward.

**Psalm 139:13** For Thou didst form my inward parts; Thou didst weave me in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I will give thanks to Thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Thy works, And my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from Thee, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained *for me*, When as yet there was not one of them.

**awesomely made by God**

**Ecclesiastes 11:5** Just as you do not know the path of the wind and how bones *are formed* in the womb of the pregnant woman, so you do not know the activity of God who makes all things.

**Isaiah 44:2** Thus says the LORD who made you And formed you from the womb, who will help you,.

**a person at conception**

**Luke 1:39** Now at this time Mary arose and went with haste to the hill country, to a city of Judah,

<sup>40</sup> and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth.

<sup>41</sup> And it came about that when Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

<sup>42</sup> And she cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Blessed among women *are* you, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb!

<sup>43</sup> "And how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

<sup>44</sup> "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

**made in the image of God**

**Genesis 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

**loved by God**

**Ephesians 2:4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions,

**created with a divine call**

**Jeremiah 1:4** Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."

**Galatians 1:15** But when He who had set me apart, *even* from my mother's womb, and called me through His grace, was pleased (Gal 1:15 NAS)

## II. The Life of Honor Toward Every Person

### Honor one another

**Philippians 2:3** Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;

**Matthew 5:21** "You have heard that the ancients were told, 'You shall not commit murder' and 'Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.'

<sup>22</sup> "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty *enough to go* into the fiery hell.

### Honor spouses

**1 Peter 3:7** You husbands likewise, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

**Ephesians 5:33** Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and *let* the wife *see to it* that she respect her husband.

### Honor parents and children

**Ephesians 6:1** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

<sup>2</sup> Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise),

<sup>3</sup> that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

<sup>4</sup> And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

### Honor seniors

**Leviticus 19:32** 'You shall rise up before the grayheaded, and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.

**1 Timothy 5:1** Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but *rather* appeal to *him* as a father, *to* the younger men as brothers,

<sup>2</sup> the older women as mothers, *and* the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

<sup>3</sup> Honor widows who are widows indeed;

### Honor all races

**Revelation 7:9** After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands;

<sup>10</sup> and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

### Honor authorities

**1 Peter 2:17** Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

### Honor employers and employees

**1 Peter 2:18** Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

**Ephesians 6:5** Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

<sup>6</sup> not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

<sup>7</sup> With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

<sup>8</sup> knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

<sup>9</sup> And, masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

**Job 31:13** "If I have despised the claim of my male or female slaves When they filed a complaint against me,

<sup>14</sup> What then could I do when God arises, And when He calls me to account, what will I answer Him?

<sup>15</sup> "Did not He who made me in the womb make him, And the same one fashion us in the womb?"

### **Honor the weak**

**Exodus 4:10** Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since Thou hast spoken to Thy servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

<sup>11</sup> And the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes *him* dumb or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

<sup>12</sup> "Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say."

**James 2:27** This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

### **Honor women and babies**

## **III. The Forgiveness of Every Sin**

### **The need for confession**

**1 John 1:5** And this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

<sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with Him and *yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;

<sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

<sup>10</sup> If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

**2 Corinthians 7:8** For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it-- *for* I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while—

<sup>9</sup> I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to *the point of* repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to *the will of* God, in order that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

<sup>10</sup> For the sorrow that is according to *the will of* God produces a repentance without regret, *leading* to salvation; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

### **What confession looks like**

**Psalm 51:1** *For the choir director. A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.* Be gracious to me, O God, according to Thy lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, And my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, And done what is evil in Thy sight, So that Thou art justified when Thou dost speak, And blameless when Thou dost judge.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup> Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part Thou wilt make me know wisdom.

<sup>7</sup> Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup> Make me to hear joy and gladness, Let the bones which Thou hast broken rejoice.

<sup>9</sup> Hide Thy face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Thy presence, And do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, And sustain me with a willing spirit.  
<sup>13</sup> *Then* I will teach transgressors Thy ways, And sinners will be converted to Thee.  
<sup>14</sup> Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation; *Then* my tongue will joyfully sing of Thy righteousness.  
<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open my lips, That my mouth may declare Thy praise.  
<sup>16</sup> For Thou dost not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; Thou art not pleased with burnt offering.  
<sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

**James 4:1** What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?

<sup>2</sup> You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. And you are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask.

<sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend *it* on your pleasures.

<sup>4</sup> You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

<sup>5</sup> Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose: "He jealously desires the Spirit which He has made to dwell in us"?

<sup>6</sup> But He gives a greater grace. Therefore *it* says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

<sup>7</sup> Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

<sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

<sup>9</sup> Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning, and your joy to gloom.

<sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

### **The result of confession**

**Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### **The celebration of forgiveness**

**1 Corinthians 11:23** For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread;

<sup>24</sup> and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

<sup>25</sup> In the same way *He took* the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me."

<sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

<sup>27</sup> Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

<sup>28</sup> But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

<sup>29</sup> For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

<sup>30</sup> For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.

<sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.

<sup>32</sup> But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned along with the world.