

## What Do Christians Think About Human Life?

How valuable is human life?

Life is a gift from a gracious Creator (1 Pet. 3:7).

All human life is distinct from the rest of creation being uniquely made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27-28).

Any wilful destruction of human life results in capital judgment and the only granted right to take life (Gen. 9:5-6; Rom. 13:4).

The command of God to man is to produce life and not destroy life (Gen. 9:7).

God paid the ultimate price to graciously grant abundant and eternal life (Jn. 3:16; 10:10; Rom. 6:23).

The wicked counterpart to God steals, kills and destroys (Jn. 10:10).

The great invitation by God to humankind is to choose life (Deut. 30:19-20).

When Does Human Life Begin?

- At fertilization
- At implantation (40-65% fertilized never implant)
- Upon the formation of primitive blood cells (20 days)

(Lev. 17:11)

- First trimester (4 weeks/heart beat)
- Second trimester
- At delivery

How Do the Scriptures Treat this Question?

*The "conceived" are treated as persons and of special interest to God...*

- Cain is traced to Eve's pregnancy (Gen. 4:1)
- Job is identified a boy at conception and considered born then! (Job 3:3, yalad / h arah )
- Sins can only attach to a person—David states that he was a sinful person at conception (Ps. 51:5); yet to be advanced in the womb and on his way to greater advance (Ps. 139:13-16) whose ordained days are traced by God before delivery.
- Pre-delivered are personally known by God: Samson (Jud. 13:3, 6-7); David (Ps. 139:13-16); Jeremiah (Jer. 1:5); Isaiah (Is. 49:1); John the Baptist (Lk. 1:13, 42, 44); Jesus (Matt. 1:20-21).

The pre-delivered are called children

- Yeled (Ex. 21:22)

- Brephos (Lk . 1:41,44; Acts 7:19)

## What Does the Bible Say About Abortion?

- Sacrificing children for personal purposes is forbidden (Lev. 18:21; Deut. 12:31; 18:9-10; Jer. 32:35)

- In the culture of the Scriptures bearing children was considered a blessing—the idea of abortion didn't exist

## How Big is Abortion in Canada?

Between 1974 – 2010 - 3,191,362 abortions

Approximately 100,000/year since 1990

10th highest in the world

Canada is the only country in the western world with no abortion laws. No protection for life of pre-delivered humans in Canada in any trimester!

Births in Canada – 350,000 /year

1 of every 3 implantations is aborted

- The Propaganda of Convenience

Showing bludgeoned seal pups is not considered manipulative by animal rights activists ; showing dismembered fetuses to prevent abortion is.

- The Practices of Scientific Absurdity

In side-by-side hospital rooms in this country is the aborting of a perfectly healthy baby and the spending of thousands of dollars performing heroic intra-uterine surgery on a deformed baby's heart.

## Why is the one baby so valuable?

- The Social Contract of Valued Life

*The world only works when life is held as precious. Each of us wants to live more than we want to die. We are overwhelmed by the longing to not die, and consumed with the desire to go on living. Tim Challies*

Until children can protect this truth themselves, parents have to guard the life of the children they produce. Unless a person is totally invested in this ideal, they should not risk the possibility of pregnancy.

## What Should God's People Think?

Called to view the matters of life through the law of God's truth (Eph. 5:8-11).

- Live as children of light (8)
  - You know the truth!
  - Certain look to the fruit of truth (9)
- Find out what pleases God (10)
- Having nothing to do with deeds of darkness, but rather expose them! (11)

1. To expose the fact that there are 100 thousand abortions in Canada every year—3 million since 1974.

2. To expose the fact that 30% of all babies implanted (conceived) in Canada are killed by abortion.

3. To expose the fact by the eighth week the heart of the baby has been beating for a month, there are measurable brain waves, there is response to touch, there's thumb-sucking, grasping with the hands, swimming with the arms in the amniotic fluid, distinct arms and legs and sexual organs.

4. To expose the fact that Canada has no legal protection for pre-delivered babies up to end of term!

5. To expose the fact that "There is inescapable schizophrenia in aborting a perfectly normal 22 week fetus while at the same hospital, performing intra-uterine surgery on its cousin" (Steve Calvin).

6. To expose the fact that viability outside the womb is not a criterion of personhood and right to life, because we ourselves don't want to give up our personhood and our right to life if we must be sustained on a respirator or dialysis machine the way a baby has to be sustained by a placenta.

7. To expose the fact that the size and reasoning power of a tiny person is irrelevant to human personhood because if it were, we might allow tiny and unthinking newborns to be killed.

8. To expose the fact that genetically human embryos and fetuses are utterly different from all other animal life; if they are just left alone, with nothing added but nourishment, they will grow up.

9. To expose the fact that if it is unlawful to crush the egg of a bald eagle or a sea turtle, it is not excessively restrictive to make it unlawful to crush the egg of a human.

10. To expose the fact that when two legitimate rights conflict—the right not to be pregnant and the right not to be killed—justice demands that we give place to the greater right, the right that does the least harm—the one that does not willfully kill.

11. To expose the fact that there are really no unwanted babies; childless couples must go outside of the country and wait years to meet the demand for babies.

12. To expose the fact that it is hypocritical to speak as though choice were the untouchable absolute in this matter and then turn around and oppose choice in matters of sex-education and religious expression in public places and minimum wage and dozens of other issues where so-called pro-choice people join the demand that people's choices be limited to protect others. It's a sham argument. All choices are limited by life.

13. To expose the fact that trespassing to save life should not be a crime and that it does not undermine our legal system, but on the contrary endorses the one foundation stone without which that legal system in this land will fall, namely, the inalienable right to life. There will be no law but the law of individual choice (=anarchy) if the foundation stone of life's value is destroyed. And abortion is destroying it (adapted from a list created by John Piper).

What's Next ?

The systematic disposal of the ill, overly dependent, the aged.