

**GREAT GIFT -
Physical Life**



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Saturday, 1/16 at 4:00 | Sunday, 1/7 at 9:00

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday – 2021

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: From this sermon, let us conclude that ☞LIFE is God-given, ☞LIFE is priceless, and ☞LIFE should be protected by the laws of our nation!

1. **Physical Life:** What does the Bible say?

- a. God created life: ^{NAU} **Genesis 1:27** “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” // ^{NAU} **Genesis 30:22** “...God remembered Rachel, and... opened her womb.” // ^{NAU} **Acts 17:28** “...in [God] we live and move and exist...” // *God is the Giver of every human life!*
- b. For injury or death, God commands punishment:
Accidental – premature birth: ^{NAU} **Exodus 21:22-25** “If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman’s husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges decide. **Accidental – injury or death:** But if there is *any further injury*, then you shall appoint *as a penalty*

life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth...” // On purpose, murder: ^{NAU} **Genesis 9:6** “Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed...”

2. **Spiritual Life:** What does the Bible say?

- a. Sin resulted in spiritual death☹️: ^{NAU} **Genesis 2:16-17** “The LORD God commanded the man... [regarding] the tree of the knowledge of good and evil...// in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.” // ^{NAU} **Genesis 3:6** “...the woman... took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.” // ^{NAU} **Romans 5:12** “...death spread to all [people]...”
- b. Eternal life is God’s gift through Jesus☺️: ^{NAU} **Rom. 6:23** “...the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus...” // ^{NAU} **John 6:47** “...he who believes has eternal life.” // ^{NAU} **1 John 5:12** “He who has the Son has the life...”

3. **The Declaration of Independence:** An excerpt: “We hold these truths to be self-evident [obvious], that all men [people] are created equal [at the time of conception], that they are endowed [gifted] by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights [thus with **rights that cannot be taken away**], that among these are **Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness**. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted [by God (Rom. 13:1-2)] among Men, deriving their just powers [thus **morally right and fair powers**] from the consent of the the governed [that is, **we the people**], — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends [namely, **Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness**], it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish [their form of government], and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem

most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.”¹ // Let’s see how evil ☹ our nation has become...

4. **The Current Position of America on Life:** Abortion is legal throughout the United States, *so any woman who is pregnant can choose to end the life of her child* ☹. Sadly, there are even cases when aborted babies initially lived; *then were put to death or left to die on their own* ☹.²
- How have our current lawmakers nullified the Declaration of Independence? *By refusing to say when life begins!* From the Bible, it's clear that **life begins at the moment of conception** (Jdg. 13:3; Ruth 4:13; Ps. 51:5; Luke 1:31); however, *that is NOT convenient*. Therefore, many lawmakers try to cover their guilt by telling themselves that life begins at birth. By the way: In China, Japan, Vietnam, and Korea, people are born at the age of **one** – *since life began 9 months earlier!*³
 - What is the OT parallel? Note this pattern: **Sin—Babies—Death!!!** In the false worship of the OT, *men had sex with temple prostitutes*; when they became pregnant, *those babies were offered to the false god as human sacrifices*. Now, in the USA, *with the free sex that exploded in the 1960’s*, the solution was legalizing abortion in 1973: **sin—babies—death!**
 - What is the truth?
 - Regardless of how we try to make things okay in our hearts, *life does begin at conception*; therefore, abortion is the willful ending of a human life – a

¹<https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/document/>

²<https://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/upload/Born-Alive-Basics.pdf>

³https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Asian_age_reckoning#:~:text=East%20Asian%20age%20reckoning%20originated,Year%20or%20New%20Year's%20Day

human life that is **valuable**, a human life for which the **Son of God** gave His body and shed His blood, thus **abortion is murder!** Since we believe the Bible and trust in Jesus as our Savior, we definitely should not support abortion!

- ii. However, **there is good news:** *For all who have supported abortion, or even been part of an abortion, let us be certain that Jesus took those sins upon Himself, as well as the corresponding eternal punishment; therefore, through Jesus, **ALL SINS ARE FORGIVEN** 😊! Now, to all of us, Jesus says, “From now on **sin no more**” (Jn. 8:11 NAU).*

5. **Our Responsibility to Speak Up and Pray:**

- a. Speak up: ^{NIV} **Proverbs 31:8** “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.” // Let us NOT be silent; *in the USA there are over 2,300 abortions every day!*⁴
- b. Pray – the LORD said to Solomon: ^{NAU} **2 Chronicles 7:13-14** “If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people, and **My people** who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I **will hear** from heaven, **will forgive** their sin and **will heal** their land.”

Let Us Pray: Dear LORD God Almighty, we have become so sinful as a nation, *and yet we are so blind to our sin* 😞! Please open our eyes, change our hearts, and wash us clean in Jesus!

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⁴<https://www.all.org/learn/abortion/abortion-statistics/>