

Based on Psalm 139:2-16 and Other Passages

God Gives Life Sin Earns Death Jesus Won Forgiveness

Sunday, January 19 at 8:00 & 10:45 + Monday, January 20 at 7 PM
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday – 2014

Introduction: Dear friends in Christ:

1. **God Gives Life:** These are *some selected verses* from Psalm 139, *which the Spirit moved David to write:*
 - a. The LORD knows everything about us: David prayed: ² “You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. ³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. ⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.” // As David acknowledged the LORD knowing everything about himself, *so the LORD knows everything about you and me!*
 - b. The LORD is present everywhere: ⁷ “Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea [*from one extreme in the west to the other extreme in the east*], ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, ‘Surely the darkness

will hide me and the light become night around me,’ ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.” // Since the LORD is our source of life and blessing, *let us rejoice that He is always present with us!*

- c. The LORD made us: ¹³ “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, ¹⁶ your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” // Not only did the LORD knit us together, *but He planned out each one of our days before we lived a single one of them! Wow!*
2. **Sin Earns Death:** All who live *will eventually die!* Why? **Sin** ♦began with Adam and Eve (Gen. 3), ♦has passed from one person to another (*generation after generation*) (Rom. 5:12), ♦is present from conception (Ps. 51:5), and ♦results in death (Rom. 6:23)!
 - a. Imagine that today date is January 22, 1973:
 - i. Lyndon Johnson, the 36th President of the United States, will die.
 - ii. A Boeing 707 will explode upon landing in Nigeria, killing 176.

- iii. The Supreme Court will legalize abortion in all fifty states.
- b. Each of those events deals with **sin and death**:
 → a man dying from a massive heart attack at the age of 64, → many people dying due to a landing accident, and → a decision which gave mothers the legal right to murder their preborn children, *which has led to the death of over 56 million children!*
- c. How many are 56 million? Consider these numbers:
 - i. **18,625**: Number of days since January 22, 1973.
 - ii. **3,000** (56 million / 18,625): *Number of children per day, since January 22, 1973, which have been legally put to death inside their mother's wombs here in America!*
 - iii. **45,000,000**: *Number of abortions worldwide each year!*
 - iv. **2,295,000,000**: *Number of children aborted worldwide since 1973, which is about 1/3 of the world's population!*
- 3. **Jesus Won Forgiveness**: He did, *but for which sins?*
 - a. For cheating on a test – YES!
 - b. For being lazy Christians – YES!
 - c. For driving over the speed limit – YES!
 - d. For being self-centered – YES!
 - e. For not rightly loving our spouses – YES!

- f. For hating our neighbor – YES!
- g. For having lustful thoughts – YES!
- h. For stealing from our employer – YES!
- i. For committing adultery – YES!
- j. For murdering our children – YES!

Jesus, *who is God*, took ♦ every sin and ♦ every ounce of God's wrath for those sins; *He did so for us and for all!* All people everywhere are being called to → repent, *thus be sorry*, and → believe in Jesus as their only Savior. Jesus has already won our forgiveness with His † living, † suffering, and † dying! Now, *as God gives us faith to trust in Jesus*, we also have the benefits of His saving work – *the forgiveness of every sin and the promise of eternal life!*

Conclusion: Even though our sins earned us death, let us † marvel at God's gift of life and † ever-rejoice in God's gift of full forgiveness through Jesus!

And all God's people said: **Amen!**