

“THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE”

PSALM 139:13-20

INTRO: Today is **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY** across America and many pastors in America will be preaching on **WHY HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED**. Personally I have been preaching on **THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE** and supported the **PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT** for over 50 years and the Lord willing will continue to do so as **HUMAN LIFE IS A GIFT OF GOD AND WE WHO ARE CHRISTIANS SHOULD DO ALL WE CAN TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE HUMAN LIFE**. Now, someone wondered why I am preaching on this subject since in 2022 THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT overturned “ROE VS. WADE” that legalized abortion in America back in 1972, with the “**DOBBS VS. JACKSON CASE**” which held that the UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION does not confer upon a woman the right to have an abortion. Well, I am preaching on the subject first because it is **VERY MUCH A BIBLICAL SUBJECT**, and second because “**DOBBS VS. JACKSON**” just referred the matter of abortion to the individual states in America and thus in some states abortion is still legal. Currently, 41 States have abortion bans to some degree including 13 states that have a total abortion ban, and 28 states have a limited ban on abortion. IN PENNSYLVANIA, ABORTION IS ALLOWED FOR UP TO 24 WEEKS OF THE PREGNANCY (FULL TERM BEING 40 WEEKS). So, abortion is still an issue and continues to a great degree in America. In 2024, the last year of completed records, there were 1,038,100 abortions recorded in America and 32,946 abortions recorded in PA. More than 88% of those were to unmarried individuals. 92.9% of those abortions were performed in the FIRST 14 WEEKS OF THE PREGNANCY. The age group having the most abortions (9,144) was the 25-29 group. According to the record, in 2024 Blair County, where we live, had 106 abortions. **YES, ABORTION IS STILL AN ISSUE THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED**. It must be understood that from the BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE, **ABORTION IS MURDER BECAUSE IT INVOLVES TAKING THE LIFE OF AN INNOCENT PERSON**. **THEREFORE, TODAY I AM GOING TO SPEAK FOR A FEW MINUTES ON “THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE.”**

THE MEANING OF “SANCTITY” – **“SANCTITY” IS THE STATE OF BEING HOLY OR SACRED AND IS THAT WHICH BELONGS TO AND STEMS FROM GOD. GOD IS THE AUTHOR OF LIFE AND THUS LIFE IS SACRED.**

NOTE: The UNITED STATES DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE recognizes the SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE when it says: **“WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THEM THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.”**

NOTE: In the 1970’s Francis Shaeffer warned that **“ABORTION WAS THE BEGINNING OF A SLIPPERY SLOPE OF DENIGRATION OF HUMAN LIFE THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO EUTHANASIA, INFANTICIDE, AND PHYSICAL ASSISTED SUICIDE.” WE ARE THERE NOW!**

WHY IS HUMAN LIFE SACRED?

I. HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED BECAUSE IT IS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

-Genesis 1:26,27

- A. With Intellect – The ability to think.
- B. With Emotion – The ability to feel.
- C. With Will – The ability to act.

II. HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED BECAUSE IT IS FORMED AND KNOWN BY GOD IN THE MOTHER’S WOMB

-Psalm 139:13-20

- A. God forms the child in the mother’s womb – Vss. 13,14
- B. God knows the child in the mother’s womb – Vss. 15,16
- C. God cares for the child in the mother’s womb – Vss. 17-20

III. HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED BECAUSE IT HAS A PURPOSE AND PLAN STEMMING FROM GOD HIMSELF

-Jeremiah 1:5; Ephesians 2:10

- A. God’s knowledge and purpose for us before conception
 - Jeremiah 1:5
- B. God’s plan for us from eternity past
 - Ephesians 2:10

IV. HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED BECAUSE OF THE COMMAND AGAINST KILLING INNOCENT LIFE

-Exodus 20:13

A. Life is a gift of God – Job 1:21

B. Life is a gift to be chosen and protected – Deuteronomy 30:19,20

LESSON AND APPLICATION

1) Abortion at any time for any reason is taking an innocent life that God created and is therefore a sinful practice.

2) Any nation, state, organization, or person who sanctions abortion will face the judgment of God unless there is confession and repentance of that sin.

-Exodus 21:22-25.

3) Anyone who has participated in an abortion to any degree can and will be forgiven by God upon confession and repentance

-1 John 1:8-10

4) Every true and obedient believer in Christ will stand against abortion and will promote life. – Deuteronomy 30:19,20

5) The church is the “PILLAR AND THE GROUND OF THE TRUTH” according to 1 Timothy 3:15 and must therefore do all it possibly can to stand for and promote the SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE without fear or hesitation.

WILL YOU CHOOSE TO STAND FOR AND PROMOTE LIFE TODAY?