

Sermon: "A Voice for Life"

Text: Various

Believe it or not, there are individuals who claim to be Christians, who claim to believe the Bible, and yet they do not see abortion as sin. What Scriptural evidence stands to defend the sanctity of human life?

1. The Bible _____ that the murder of _____ is _____.

The Bible makes a clear distinction between legally authorized judicial killing (capital punishment) which is authorized by God according to Romans 13, and between violent killing which is murder.

Ex. 20:13 ESV "You shall not murder."

Jer. 22:3 NKJV "Thus says the LORD: Execute judgment and righteousness, and deliver the plundered out of the hand of the oppressor. Do not wrong and do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place."

The phrase "innocent blood" occurs about 20 times in Scripture—condemning those who shed the blood of the innocent—and warning people not to do so.

"Surely the blood of the unborn is as innocent as any blood that flows in the world." -John Piper

2. The Bible _____ God _____ to the _____ and _____ of life.

Job 1:21 NKJV "And he [Job] said: Naked came I from my mother's womb, and naked I shall return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD."

Ps. 100:3 NKJV "Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves..."

"God is too wise to make mistakes, and too good to be unkind."
-Unknown

3. The Bible _____ the _____ as God's _____ workspace.

Psalm 139:13 NKJV "For you formed my inward parts; you covered me in my mother's womb."

"covered" in Hebrew carries the idea of knitting or weaving.

Isaiah 49:1 NKJV "...The LORD has called Me from the womb..."

Luke 1:15 NKJV "...He [John the Baptist] will also be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb."

4. The Bible _____ God's _____ to _____ the weak and needy.

Psalm 82:3-4 NIV "Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Ex. 22:22 NIV "Do not take advantage of a widow or an orphan. If you do and they cry out to me, I will certainly hear their cry."

Prov. 24:11-12 NIV "Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say 'But we knew nothing about this', does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?"

If you have experienced an abortion, the grace and forgiveness of God is certainly available to you.

Moses slew an Egyptian...but Moses received grace.

David sent Uriah to his death...but David received grace.

Saul of Tarsus orchestrated the death of Christians...but Saul received grace.

Forgiveness and grace is offered through Jesus Christ, the Savior!

Believers, we must get active in the battle!

1. Submit yourself to God. Be a genuine, godly, visible, audible, Christian. Live and show God's grace to a lost world.
2. Pray earnestly that God would awaken our Nation to the heinousness of abortion.
3. Support pro-life efforts with your time, efforts, and money. DO something!

Will you be a voice for life? Or will you choose to be silent?