

RSTANDING THE SACREDNESS OF HUMAN LIFE”
GENESIS 1:26-31; PSALM 100:3; PSALM 139:13-17

INTRO: Since January 22, 1973 (51 years ago tomorrow) when the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion in the ROE V. WADE case, nearly **64 MILLION PRECIOUS BABIES’ LIVES HAVE BEEN ROBBED FROM THEIR MOTHERS WOMB, ABORTED AND KILLED.** For 49 years, Christians and pro-life supporters across America have prayed, petitioned, and marched for the **overturning of ROE V. WADE**, which the UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT DID ON JUNE 24, 2022, to the Glory of God. All Pro-lifers rejoiced over that decision and on Sunday June 26, 2022, I preached as sermon entitled: **A VICTORY HAS BEEN WON – WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?”** It is important to understand that ROE V. WADE did not end abortion but rather sent the legalization of this **TERRIBLE SIN BEFORE ALMIGHTY GOD** back down to the **INDIVIDUAL STATES** for determination. In the year after the overturning of ROE V. WADE, **14 STATES LEGALIZED ABORTIONS** with a total of **21 STATES NOW ALLOWING ABORTION AT SOME POINT WITHIN THE MOTHER’S PREGNANCY.** **IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF PA, ABORTION IS LEGAL UP TO THE 23RD WEEK OF THE PREGNANCY, AND AFTER THAT TIME, IT IS LEGAL IN CERTAIN CASES WHEN THE HEALTH OF THE MOTHER IS IN DANGER.** In PA, there is an ABORTION CLINIC that offers abortion to people in Blair County, which clinic I will not mention in this sermon. **PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE PRECIOUS LIFE MINISTRY HERE IN ALTOONA THAT WORKS WITH THOSE WITH UNWANTED PREGNANCIES TO MAINTAIN THE LIFE OF THE CHILD IN THE WOMB.** BECAUSE of the sinfulness of mankind, there will always be those who will seek abortions, which is a sinful act that violates the WILL OF GOD, because HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED! Today I want to speak on **“UNDERSTANDING THE SACREDNES OF HUMAN LIFE.”** The purpose of this message is three-fold:

- To remind us of what God’s Word says about the **SANCTITY OF LIFE.**
- To encourage believers to support and pray for the **PROTECTION OF LIFE.**

To encourage those who may be considering an abortion **TO CHOOSE LIFE.**

THE DEFINITION OF “SACRED” - The word “SACRED” speaks of that which is created by, authored by, consecrated by, and belongs to God, thus making it HOLY in EVERY ASPECT OF ITS EXISTENCE from the point of CONCEPTION UNTIL THE POINT OF NATURAL DEATH.

MY PERSONAL CONVICTION - **BASED UPON THE TEACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD, ABORTION AT ANY TIME, EVEN IN THE CASE OF THE HEALTH OF THE MOTHER, THE HEALTH OF THE CHILD, OR IN THE EVENT OF INCEST OR RAPE, VIOLATES BIBLICAL TRUTH AND IS A SIN AGAINST ALMIGHTY GOD.**

A SERIOUS ADMONITION - **ANY NATION, STATE, ORGANIZATION OR PERSON WHO SANCTIONS ABORTION WILL FACE GOD’S JUDGMENT UNLESS THEY CONFESS AND REPENT. (EXODUS 21:22-25; 1 JOHN 1:8-10)**

WHY IS HUMAN LIFE SACRED?

I. BECAUSE HUMAN LIFE WAS CREATED BY GOD IN HIS OWN IMAGE AND IS THEREFORE SACRED

-Genesis 1:26,27

-Only Humans have the distinction of being made in **GOD’S IMAGE** with the highest form of reason, intellect, emotion, will and morality.

II. BECAUSE HUMAN LIFE WAS CREATED BY GOD IN A SPECIAL WAY AND IS THEREFORE SACRED

-Genesis 2:7; 21,22

A. In reference to Adam, God **“FORMED HIM”** from the dust of the ground and **“BREATHED INTO HIM THE BREATH OF LIFE”** and made him **“A LIVING SOUL.”** (Cp. to the animals – Genesis 2:19)

B. In reference to Eve, God **“MADE HER”** from Adam’s rib. (Genesis 2:21-23)

III. BECAUSE HUMAN LIFE WAS CREATED BY GOD FOR A PURPOSE AND IS THEREFORE SACRED

-Genesis 1:28

-God is the Creator of the universe, **BUT HE DELEGATED HIS AUTHORITY** to humanity to administer the resources of the earth according to God's purposes.... *To be fruitful, multiply, replenish, subdue, have dominion over all!*

IV. BECAUSE HUMAN LIFE WAS CREATED BY GOD TO SHOW HONOR AND GLORY AND IS THEREFORE SACRED

-Psalm 8:3-5

A. The word **"ANGELS"** in verse 5 is the Hebrew word **"ELOHIM"** which is the prime OT name for God (Cp. Genesis 1:1).

B. God made Human Life just a **"LITTLE LOWER"** than Him, meaning that though humanity is **NOT DEITY**, humans do show forth and are to exhibit glory and honor to God.

V. BECAUSE HUMAN LIFE WAS CREATED BY GOD, WHEN SIN ENTERED INTO THE HUMAN RACE, GOD PROVIDED REDEMPTION FOR MANKIND, AND IS THEREFORE SACRED

-Genesis 3:15; John 3:15

-Even though sin has entered into the **HUMAN RACE**, God loves **every human being** and sent His Son Jesus Christ to redeem lost humanity!

LESSON/APPLICATION

Human life was planned by and created by God and as God's representatives on earth, as humans, we are to support life. HOW?

- 1) By thanking God for life.
- 2) By protecting life.
- 3) By taking care of our life.
- 4) By glorifying God through our life.
- 5) By sharing the redemptive work of Christ with others so they can have new life.