

# Abortion: No Compromise

“...therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life....”  
—Deut 30.19-20

## Sanctity of Life

Why are Christians uncompromising in their opposition to abortion?

The primary reason is that human life is sacred to God. If a person’s life is sacred to God, then that life must be held sacred by humanity.

Some things are always sacred despite the loss of this concept in our generation. Without a sense in everyday life of what is holy, people inevitably begin to live for mere material things. Living only for the lower creation makes them little better than talking brutes (Psa 49.20). Without a belief in the sanctity of life, poor judgments lead people to the abandonment, or worse, the destruction of their own offspring.

A calloused view of human worth brings persons low to the dust they are made of. But a relation to the living God lifts human spirits toward His eternal Spirit. When a true sense of what is holy takes root in our hearts, then we, though “frail creatures of dust,” begin to sense the presence of God and the divinely-given sanctity of human life.

## God Claims Those Who Bear His Image

Secondly, human life alone is made in God’s image (Gen 1.26-27). The “image of God” in us is why human life is sacred, leading us to believe that an attack upon anyone’s person is an attack upon his Maker and Master (Gen 9.6).

Since the Bible shows pre-born babies to have personal identity in the eyes of God (Gal 1.15; Jer 1.5; Psa 139.13-16), they must be protected and nurtured. Even modern technology confirms that pre-born babies are not amorphous lumps of tissue, but are miniature humans with beating hearts at 21 days.



Each human life is given by God (Job 33.4), and He alone determines one’s beginning and end (Psa 90; Rev 1.18).

## A Better Alternative than Abortion

Everyone has a God-given alternative to killing pre-born babies. That better option is *the family*. Ideally, every child should be reared and loved by his immediate, natural family. Barring that possibility, the extended family may take responsibility for a new life. Many have been the children who have been raised by grandparents or by aunts and uncles.

And what about adoption? Intervention by an adoptive family not only is a fail-safe measure to preserve an unwanted life, but it reflects God’s mercies in His adopting helpless sinners into the family of heaven (Eph 1.5,11,14; Heb 12.22-23). Our showing mercy to the helpless allows the best choice of life over death (Deut 30.19) and adoption over abortion. Adoption reflects God’s sacrificial love to us in the life-giving cross of Christ (John 6.51).

“Do the right thing” to some is only a modern, corporate slogan. To Christians it is a way of life in pleasing God—even when it calls for personal sacrifice.

## Indifference to Judgment

Finally, indifference to abortion reveals an indifference to God’s character and His threatened wrath for disregarding the sanctity of life. God always promises mercy to the helpless, but He threatens judgment to the wicked and the calloused who think that God does not see their bloody hands (Psalm 10 8-14). Divine judgment follows upon human insolence (Rom 1.18,28-32).

## SOHLS

Until the scourge of wholesale abortion is overturned, Christians will continue to shine the light of God’s Word on this travesty. One effort to correct this sad offense is the annual observance of the “Sanctity of Human Life Sunday” (SOHLS); it memorializes the third week in January 1973 when the U.S. Supreme Court opened the flood gates to abortion in the case of Roe v. Wade.

Wanton abortion is evil and must be resisted. Our positive message is that human life IS sacred to God, and it must be treated according to His revealed precepts. Through this message, humanity will begin to learn of the true dignity for which they long and for which they were designed by our Creator.

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