**The Sanctity of Life**

*The scriptural view on abortion.*

**Introduction**

1. From about 1939-1945, an estimated total of 5,962,129 people were murdered. We know this as the holocaust.
2. This is obviously recognized as a heinous crime to say the least.
3. Approximately 1.21 million children are murdered yearly in the U.S. alone by the process of abortion.
4. In the same amount of time as the holocaust an estimated 7.26 million lives have been taken via abortion. 1,297,871 more than the holocaust.
5. This fact has not caused near as much ruckus or despair. Why?
6. When does life begin?
7. Divine explanation.
* Psalm 139:13-14 (NASV “wove me”)
	+ What some would call a fetus is actually a created human.
* Exodus 21:22-25 (Context: Laws concerning violence – murder, physical harm, kidnapping)
	+ The “fetus” (so-called) is considered a child. It is considered human life. *“life for life.”*
	+ *“yet no harm follows”* – the woman is already stated as being hurt. The harm that either follows or does not follow has reference to the child within the woman.
* Luke 1:41 (unborn); 2:12 (born); 18:15 (infants – born); 2 Timothy 3:15 (childhood – note: known, some form of comprehension there. Uses same word)
	+ *Brephos* – an unborn child; a newborn child, or an infant still older.
	+ Same word used for a child still in the womb, a child born, and even one who can *“know the Holy Scriptures.”*
1. Taking life is abhorrent.
* Proverbs 6:16-19 – *“hands that shed innocent blood”*
* Exodus 20:13 – *“You shall not murder”*
* Galatians 5:19-21 – *“murders”* listed with the works of the flesh that will not inherit the kingdom of God.

*Why is the taking of a human life so detestable to God? – Because human life is sacred!*

1. The Sanctity of Life.
2. Apart from all other creation man is in the image of God.
* Genesis 1:26-27 – God is spirit (1:2); 2:7 – given a spirit; Ecclesiastes 12:7
	+ Given dominion over animals – Genesis 1:28-30; Psalm 8:3-9
1. Given free will to obey God.
* Ecclesiastes 12:13; Matthew 7:21-23
1. Bought with a price.
* 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (because of this each individual has a responsibility to serve God); Acts 20:28 (the price was Christ’s blood) 🡪 John 3:16; Titus 2:11
1. God has made plans for man’s life to continue.
* *“For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.”* – Philippians 1:21; 1 Corinthians 15:42-56; John 14:1-4

**Conclusion**

1. Human life is sacred.
2. It is a gift given that nobody has the right to take away.
3. Abortion takes away an individual’s opportunity to live a life in service to God.