

Sanctity of Life Sunday January 18th & 19th, 2014

Luke 18:15-17

“Let the children come to me, ...”

- ❖ Since 1983, Americans have observed Sanctity of Human Life Sunday (SOHLS) as a day to celebrate the intrinsic value of all human life.
- ❖ Sanctity of Human Life Sunday 2014 commemorates 41 years since the January 22, 1973 Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in our country.
- ❖ The fact that we have a Sunday to remind people that God is the giver of life and that every life is valuable from conception to our final breath is a sad indictment against our nation!

Today, many in our nation feel that...

- ... The embryo in the womb is not a child.
- ... The child in the womb is not a person until it is born.
- ... The life of the child in the womb can be terminated if the mother's life is in danger.
- ... The decision to terminate a pregnancy is a woman's right.

What is popular is not always right – What is right is not always popular!

1. The embryo in the womb *is a child!*

📖 Psalm 139:13-18

Job 10:9,11-12 “Remember that you have made me like clay; ... You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit.”

Technological Advances Settle Question of When Life Begins - Abortion was legalized more than thirty years ago. Since 1973 there have been major breakthroughs in medical technology. We can now detect a fetal heartbeat only 5 weeks after conception and fetal brain waves can be measured at just 8 weeks. Ultrasound allows us to see a baby as he moves, sleeps and sucks his thumb in the womb.

Today human DNA is used as irrefutable proof of a criminal suspect's guilt or innocence. The fact that each of us possesses a full and unique set of human DNA from the moment of conception is irrefutable proof that we are members of the human race or “persons.”¹

2. The child in the womb *is a person* while yet unborn.

Person: “An individual human being consisting of a body and a soul. ...”²

📖 Genesis 25:21-24

“...Two nations are in your womb, ...”! ⇨ God had a future plan for these two children!

3. The life of the child in the womb is never to be terminated by human choice even if the mother's life is in danger.

📖 Genesis 35:16-19

↪ Rachel's prayer was answered!

Genesis 30:24 “And she called his name Joseph, saying, ‘May the Lord add to me another son!’”

↪ The decision was left to the Sovereignty of God!

4. The decision to terminate a pregnancy is not a woman's right.

Right: "Conformity to the will of God, or to His law, the perfect standard of truth and justice."²

The Declaration of Independence: A Transcription³

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

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 these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. ...

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

📖 Exodus 1:8-22

↪ The midwives feared God and did not abort or kill the new born infants.

"But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live." Exodus 1:17

↪ God blessed the midwives for their attitude toward Him!

"So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. And because the midwives feared God, He gave them families." Exodus 1:20-21

↪ Moses was born and lived as a result of the Godly actions of the midwives!

Luke 18:16 ... "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Endnotes:

¹ "Life at Conception Act - An Overview." www.prolifealliance.com. National Pro-Life Alliance. Web. <http://www.prolifealliance.com/LCA_Fact_Sheet.pdf>.

² Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.

³ "The Declaration of Independence." <http://www.archives.gov/>. National Archives. Web. <http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/declaration_transcript.html>.

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