

“Pro-Life”

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John 1:1-5

Pro-Life is a term used today to identify those who believe that life begins at conception.

Life: “... 4. The present state of existence; the time from birth to death. ... 5. Manner of living; conduct; deportment, in regard to morals. ... 6. Condition; course of living, in regard to happiness or misery. ...”¹

- ❖ In Jesus is life!
- ❖ The life of Jesus is the light of men, shining in the darkness of this world!
- ❖ How did the world become darkened in their understanding of God’s life?

📖 Romans 1:18-32

Pro-Life stands in contrast to Pro-Abortion

According to the AmericanHumanist.org “there are many reasonable circumstances by which women may choose to abort.”²

f “Married women with children who do not have the resources to care for more children sensibly don’t wish to diminish the quality of life of the family by having additional children.”²

- ❖ God’s provision of resources is not conditional on the number of children!

Psalm 127:3-5 “Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one’s youth. Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate.”

Luke 12:22 “...do not be anxious about your life...”

f “Women who used a failed birth control device don’t believe that a flawed contraceptive is justification for assuming the responsibility of raising children.”²

- ❖ God has given us the ability to procreate.

Genesis 1:28 “And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

📖 *Psalm 139:13-16*

f “Minor children who get pregnant and face the fullness of their circumstance may decide that they don’t have the maturity to raise a family.”²

- ❖ Parents are to bring up their children in the instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians 6:4 “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

Proverbs 6:20 “My son, keep your father’s commandment, and forsake not your mother’s teaching.”

- ❖ Only God is the giver and taker of life!

Job 1:21 “And he said, ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.’”

f “Women who don’t want to continue their pregnancy alone after being misled by their partner into thinking he was committed to parental responsibility but then abdicated that responsibility.”²

- ❖ Sex outside of marriage results in corruption, confusion and hurt.

Galatians 6:7-8 “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

📖 *Ephesians 5:3-9*

f “Women who discover that their fetuses are genetically predisposed to developing serious diseases, like Tay-Sachs, don’t want to put themselves and their family through long-term suffering.”²

❖ God’s design may include what the world would consider disabilities.

♦ A man blind from birth *John 9:1-3*

♦ A man lame from birth *Acts 3:2*

Exodus 4:11 “Then the Lord said to him, ‘Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the Lord?’”

f “Women with limited resources who want to pursue a career that will enable them to be productive and independent don’t want to have children at a time that will interfere with a fulfilling life of work.”²

❖ Children are never a hindrance or distraction in God’s eyes!

Matthew 19:13-15 “Then children were brought to Him that He might lay His hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” And He laid His hands on them and went away.”

2 Kings 21:6,16 And he burned his son as an offering and used fortune-telling and omens and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking Him to anger. ... Moreover, Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, besides the sin that he made Judah to sin so that they did what was evil in the sight of the Lord.”

❖ To terminate a life for personal convenience is abhorrent to God!

f “Victims of rape and incest understandably resent the men who impregnated them by force, took advantage of their minor age or abused their family role.”²

❖ Adoption is an option!

“Lee Ezell, author of the book *The Missing Piece* (Servant Publishing) was raped and became pregnant. She describes meeting her daughter, whom she gave up for adoption:

We met for the first time just a month after our first phone conversation. There are no words to describe my exact feelings as Julie walked into my hotel room.

Here was the child whose memory I’d hidden in my heart for so many years, the child who has given me my first grandchildren[.] ...

She embraced me. We cried. Bob [her husband] said with all the love in the world in his voice: “Thank you for not aborting Julie. What would my life be like without her?” ...

Finding my daughter has enriched my life beyond measure. The couple, who adopted her, Eileen and Harold Anderson, are beautiful people.

Julie, Eileen and I have been speaking to various groups about what happened to us. I guess our message is that just as bad things can happen to good people, so can something beautiful come from a wicked act. Julie is living proof of it.”³

**“... I have set before you life and death ...
therefore choose life...”!**

Deuteronomy 30:19

We, as Christians, are Pro-Life!

Endnotes:

¹ Webster, Noah. *American Dictionary of the English Language (1828 Facsimile Edition)*. San Francisco: Foundation for American Christian Education, 1989.

² “Pro-choice Ad.” *Americanhumanist.org*. American Humanist Association. Web. <<http://americanhumanist.org/system/storage/2/f2/2/5369/prochoicead1.pdf>>.

³ Terzo, Sarah. “Raped Women Who Had Their Babies Defy Pro-choice Stereotypes.” *Life Site News*. LifeSiteNews.com, Inc., 8 Mar. 2013. Web. <<https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/raped-women-who-had-their-babies-defy-pro-choice-stereotypes>>.

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