

# Sanctity of Life

A vital topic for believers to understand is the sanctity of life. This has to do with how we hold life sacred and why we hold it sacred. Evolutionary thinking has devalued life at every level. There are various attacks on life itself in our society. The first is abortion, the systematic killing of babies. The World Health Organization states that there are 40 to 50 million babies killed every year. That is 125,000 a day. Another attack on the sanctity of life is euthanasia, anybody that wants to take their life due to physical or mental suffering can acquire the services of our health system to help them die by injection or pills. Canada is approaching the highest euthanasia rate in the world. In 2019, Canada assisted 5,631 people end their lives. Another affront to the sanctity of life is murder. 678 people were murdered in Canada in 2019.

- I. Life is sacred because we are \_\_\_\_\_ by God (Acts 17:25).
  - A. God made man a living soul by the \_\_\_\_\_ of life (Job 33:4; Gen 2:7; 6:17; 7:15).
  - B. Man is created in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (Gen. 9:6).
  - C. We are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psa. 139:13–17).

II. Life is sacred from the \_\_\_\_\_.

A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ from the womb (Isa. 44:24; Gen. 2:7)

- Formed—A verb meaning to form, to fashion, to shape, to devise.

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God made us (Job 33:4).

- Made—to do, to make, to accomplish, to complete. This frequently used Hebrew verb conveys the central notion of performing an activity with a distinct purpose, a moral obligation, or a goal in view.

C. The Lord \_\_\_\_\_ us before he formed us (Jer. 1:5; Psa. 51:5).

- He knows us—to know, to learn, to perceive, to discern, to experience, to confess, to consider
- He sanctifies us—to be set apart, to be holy, to show oneself holy, to be treated as holy, to consecrate, to treat as holy, to dedicate

D. We are a child, not a fetus at conception (Job 3:3, 16)

E. Life is in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Lev. 17:11)

1. Jesus Christ offered his blood or life for our \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt. 26:28; I Peter 1:18–19; I John 1:9; Rev. 5:9).
2. Shedding \_\_\_\_\_ blood is an abomination to God (Prov. 6:17).
3. God has commanded that man should never \_\_\_\_\_ blood (Lev. 17:12–14; Acts 15:20).
4. God is for \_\_\_\_\_ punishment of murderers (Gen 9:6).

F. Babies are stimulated by \_\_\_\_\_ and feel \_\_\_\_\_ in the womb (Luke 1:41, 44).

III. The Lord must determine the time of our death.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ God by partaking in sinful lifestyles will steal the years the Lord wants you to have (Ecc. 7:17; Matt 4:17).
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ was granted 15 more years by the Lord (II Kings 20:4–16)
- C. God grants \_\_\_\_\_ of years (Gen. 25:8; II Chron. 24:15; Psa. 91:16)

- IV. A Christian's life is a very sacred life because of Christ (II Cor. 4:6)
- A. Christians have given \_\_\_\_\_ of their life to Christ (I Cor 6:19–20; Col. 3:3–4).
  - B. Christians have been bought with the precious \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus (I Peter 1:18–19).
  - C. Christians that are \_\_\_\_\_ can be blessed with long lives (Prov. 3:1–2).
  - D. Christians understand that \_\_\_\_\_ was designed for a purpose of replenishing the earth with righteous offspring (Gen. 1:28; Psa. 127:3–5).
  - E. Christians understand that \_\_\_\_\_ is the enemy and has been defeated (I Cor. 15:26; 54–58; Rev 1:18).
- V. Satan is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ (John 8:44).
- A. Satan influences toward death by \_\_\_\_\_ (II Cor 4:4 Eph 4:27; 6:16).
  - B. Nobody \_\_\_\_\_ themselves apart from Satan's influence (Eph 5:29).