

Abortion, Suicide, and Euthanasia

God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, in the likeness of ourselves;" Gen. 1:26 CJB

We believe that since God created mankind with the ability to act with God's attributes; both male and female are special. Mankind can design, develop, love, be kind, be good, and God has created us with so much more.

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- * Children in the womb are human beings in their most needy state; it is the same for babies who would not survive without someone caring for them. They need to be protected and taking their lives through abortion is murder unless the mother could die. In that case it is permitted to save a life if both would die (Luke 14:5). Saving a life can be also be applied to the great emotional trauma that comes through rape. It can be done to save the mother's life emotionally. There is never an insignificant reason where abortion is right.

- * Abortion is not a matter of personal preference as in "my body."

- * Suicide is wrong and is considered murder by taking one's own life. It is taking a life. The scriptures imply God doesn't approve of suicide; God values life. 1 Samuel 31:3-6; Matt. 27:5-6

- * Euthanasia is when someone assists or kills someone usually to stop suffering – we believe it is wrong and the person assisting is committing murder and the person dying is committing suicide. King Saul's body guard would not kill him. Saul's reasoning was wrong (1 Sam. 31:4).

- * It is not wrong to not sustain a life that cannot live on their own after reasonable effort to restore their life to normal, or there is no reasonable expectation they will have a resemblance of life they can participate in or enjoy (for example, Alzheimer's; extended coma).

God said that he will hold all those accountable who shed blood. "I will demand from every human being an accounting for the life of his fellow human being;" Genesis 9:5 CJB.

God is the final judge for everything we do and we will have to stand before Him. Every person will have to give an account to God for what they have done. 2 Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12-15

God will forgive those who are truly repentant and sorry. 1 John 1:9

What God created is good and a marriage relationship between a man and a woman which results in children is good. Gen. 1:31

If a person cannot have children, they may receive medical help. One could end up with multiple children when going this route.

Cloning is wrong because of the issue of birth defects that go with cloning.

A cloned person is considered a separate person with the rights of any unborn child.

The fetus in a womb is considered a child. Ps. 139:13-16; Isa. 44:24; Jer. 1:5; Lk. 1:31

Children in the Bible were brought to term regardless of how they were conceived. For example, King David's adultery in 2 Sam. 11:5.

Women are responsible for the wellbeing of their unborn child.

There are appropriate penalties for murder. Ex. 21:12-13, 22-24; Num. 35:11-12, 16

There should be ethical godly principles employed in regards to stem cells and genetic research.