

End of life issues

Technology

Compassion and support

Desperate need: a clear theology of suffering

Take it Home

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## **Engage: The Sanctity of Life**

### **Tough Issues**

#### **What does sanctity of life actually mean?**

- = Human life is uniquely created by God and infinitely **valuable** to God.
- ⇒ Every human being possesses absolute worth which cannot be earned or forfeited, simply because we were made in the **image** of God.

#### **UNIQUE: Mankind alone is created in the image of God.**

Genesis 1:26-27

What is the image of God?

**conclusion:** "**spiritual** nature"

we have ability to think, feel and **choose**

**implies:** responsibility, self-consciousness & self-determination

**summary:** image = quality of personality

**impact:** because of man's uniqueness to his creator, his life is viewed **differently** by God than the life of other organisms.

**VALUABLE:** Man alone is infinitely valuable to God.

1. God's special **provision** for Adam (Gen 2:18-25)
2. God's special **relationship** with man (Gen 3:3-10, 31)
3. God's basis of **capital** punishment (Gen 9:6)
4. God's provision of cities of **refuge** (Josh 20:1-6)
5. God's provision of **redemption** (1 Tim 2:5-6)

Confronting the lie

**Sovereignty:** God is sovereign over life and death

Sovereign over life

Psalm 139:13-16

*created & knitted* ⇒ **personal** craftsmanship

*skillfully wrought*

*unformed substance* = **embryo**

We are not an **accident!**

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Psalm 100:3

Ac 17:28

Job 12:9-10

1 Timothy 6:13-15

Sovereign over death

Deuteronomy 32:19

Romans 14:7-9

Job 14:5

Jeremiah 10:23

To truly engage the sanctity of life we must see God as sovereign - and we **fight** this.

**Life Realities**

Accidents

Choice, governed by **truth**