

## #6 Life is Precious

### “You shall not murder” Exodus 20:13

Murder: *forcibly taking an innocent human life*

#### NOT JUST **OUTWARD** BEHAVIOR...

Matt. 5:21 You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment.

#### The 6th Commandment

Outlawed the ACT of murder, restraining destructive Behavior  
Forbade the INTENT to murder, revealing destructive Desires

#### IT STARTS IN THE **HEART**...

Mark 7:21-23 For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, **murder**, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’”

#### IT’S ABOUT **LOVING** OTHER PEOPLE...

Romans 13:9-10 The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” **Love does no harm to its neighbor.** Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

#### THE PROHIBITION AGAINST MURDER

A. It forbids the deliberate, pre-meditated killing of another human being (Ex 21:12,14), including killing someone out of revenge/ “vigilante-style” justice (Lev 19:17-18)

B. It recognizes a distinction when someone is killed unintentionally (Ex.21:13) or through deliberate carelessness (Deut. 22:8)

C. It recognizes situations of justifiable homicide (Ex.22:2)

D. It includes taking the life of an unborn child (Ex 21:22-23)

The primary question: **What IS the unborn?**

1. The **Bible** tells us clearly what it is

Psalms 139:13-16: For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began.

Psalms 127:3: Children are indeed a heritage from the Lord, offspring, a reward.

Isaiah 44:24: This is what the Lord, your Redeemer who formed you from the womb, says: “I am the Lord, who made everything...”

Jeremiah 1:5: “I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

2. Biology and the **science** of embryology tell us what it is

3. Innovations in technology have increasingly **revealed** what it is

4. We **innately** know what it is (until we are deceptively told otherwise)

***If the unborn is not human, no justification for abortion is needed.  
But if the unborn IS human, no justification for abortion is adequate.***

1. God is the Ultimate **Judge** of sin (Gen.18:25; Rom.2:6-8)

2. **Jesus** is the Only Savior of sinners – Titus 3:3-7

-He forgives entirely (Psa.103:11-12; Isa.43:25; I John 1:9)

-He heals deeply (Luke 7:47-50)

-He restores completely (Rom 8:1)

-He redeems fully (Rom.8:28)

#### OUR RESPONSE AS A REDEEMED PEOPLE...

1. Educate yourself

2. Share with other believers

3. Speak Up

4. Reach Out