

GOSPEL OF LIFE

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All life is holy. No matter what race, sex, age religion, or anything else; life should be respected. This means no war, abortion, death penalty or anything that involves killing. All men are in the image of God. Everyone should be treated with the same respect. It is not right to single anyone out for not being like you. Every person is called to worship Christ. Jesus had said "And you did it to one of the least of my brethren, you did it to me." The rights of men should be respected. In America, we have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given to us.

It is not right for man to kill his own kind. Who has the right to take away life but its creator? War does not respect human life. It brings many bad outcomes, like death. Abortion is also death. It kills a living person. Why should abortion be allowed if murder is not? Both involve ending a life. A person is a person from conception to death. Death is part of the death penalty too, obviously shown in the name of this punishment. This is not justice, no matter the crime. We should not be involved in this culture of death with actions of war, abortion or death penalty. Only God the Creator has the right to decide when life on earth should end.

God has given man free will to make their own choices. People should always try to make Decisions that are pleasing to God. Our actions reflect our intentions. If we are trying to please God, then our actions will show that. We should decide to respect life for the weakest of us like babies, criminals and those in war-torn areas. We can choose what is right even if it is the harder choice; it is still an option. There could be peace and harmony if everyone were respectful towards one another and life in general.

Respecting life involves actions. We can respect life by preventing killing, by making better choices that God would want, but also by forgiving. Mercy is an action that promotes life and makes it better. We become more like God when it is given. Forgiveness is acceptance of each other with our faults. This is love. The commandment of live is the new law. This is the culture of life; the cycle of respect, love and forgiveness.

Life is a gift from God and should be treated as such. We should try to promote life and prevent death. We cannot prevent dying completely, but it is God's choice, not ours. War, abortion and the death penalty are actions of man choosing death for other people. Choosing life would be treating everyone with respect. Choosing life would be forgiving. Choosing life would be loving and all this leads to choices for God.