



MLCPC 102:

The Sanctity of Life: Theological and Historical Foundations

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Abstract

This session will focus on the theological and historical foundations of the sanctity of life. Dr. Hawkins will discuss the difficulty of this subject matter and gives coaches foundational information about a biblical response to the creation of human life. Participants will be given Scripture to back up these statements and will learn the importance of speaking truth into clients' lives while providing them help during their crisis situations.

Learning Objectives

1. Participants will explore why we need the Bible as our Anchor Point.
2. Participants will be educated in the historical views of the sanctity of life.
3. Participants will discover the three views of the creation of the soul and conception.

I. Introduction

A. The sanctity of life is a difficult subject due to the erosion of historical foundations.

B. It is also a difficult subject due to the subject matter.

1. Sanctity

2. Life

3. Theological

4. Historical

II. The Need for an Anchor Point

A. The Bible as a revelation of God's **person** and **purpose** (Psalm 119)

1. Lord over all (Psalm 145:1-6)

2. Creation mandate (Genesis 1:27-28)

B. The Bible as an instrument for the **accomplishment** of God's purpose (II Timothy 3:16-18)

1. God's breath for the creation of man

2. God's breath For the Word of God

C. The Bible as a revelation of **human responsibility** (Psalm 119:59-64)

D. The **empowered self as an anchor point (Romans 1:18-22)**

1. My body
2. My will
3. My power

III. The Sanctity of Life

A. The Apostle Paul on the sanctity of life (Acts 17:22-31)

1. God created each one of us.
2. God cares for each one of us.

B. Moses on the sanctity of life (Genesis 1:26-28)

1. The dirt (Genesis 2:7)
2. The inbreathing of God (Genesis 2:7)
3. The implanting of the image of God (Genesis 1:27)
4. The assignment of privilege (Genesis 1:28)

C. Moses on the reckoning for taking human life

1. Genesis 9:5-7

2. Exodus 20:13

3. Genesis 4:8-12

4. Exodus 21:22-23

D. David on the sanctity of life (Psalm 139:13-18)

1. The **dignity** of human life

2. The **value** of human life

E. Solomon on the sanctity of the relationship that provides the relational womb for the procreation of life (Song of Solomon 8:6)

1. Seals/Commitment (Song of Solomon 8:6-7)

2. Companionship (Song of Solomon 5:16)

3. Self-control of sexuality (Song of Solomon 3:5)

IV. The History of Fetal Development Views and the Sanctity of Life

A. Pre-existence of the Soul

1. In this view, God created a certain number of souls, which join human bodies upon conception.

2. This is not a very popular belief and is most often held by those who believe in reincarnation.

B. Anthropological Creationism

1. God creates the soul in close connection with conception.
2. Does not specify the time that the soul joins the body

C. Traducianism

1. Most widely held position among Evangelicals
2. At the same time conception occurs, the soul is created.

V. The Response of the Church

A. Declaration of Truth

1. Speaking the truth in love
2. Depending on the Holy Spirit for conviction

- B. Provision of Help:** “It is one thing to be concerned about something. It is another thing to help the persons who are facing the crisis and need to make the decision.”