

For the LOVE of GOD

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“CHRIST AND CHILDREN IN A CULTURE OF DEATH”
Matthew 19:13-15

The Simple Reality...

- Christ _____ children.

The Devastating Realization...

- Our culture (and our country) _____ children.

God and a Culture of Death... (Ps. 139:13-16)

- Abortion is an affront to God’s sovereign _____ as Creator (Is. 40:28).
 - He is the _____ of life (Job 12:9-10; 33:4).
 - He is the _____ of life (Deut. 32:39; Job 1:21).
- Abortion is an assault on God’s glorious _____ in creation (Ps. 104:24).
 - The way God creates people compels _____ (Ps. 104:27-34).
 - The womb contains a person formed in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28).
 - ◆ If the unborn is not human, no justification for abortion is _____.
 - ◆ If the unborn is human, no justification for abortion is _____.
 - Though the unborn is visibly hidden from man, he/she is never hidden from God (Job 10:8-13).
 - All of God’s works are _____.
 - Even (or especially) in the case of _____ (Job 9:1-3).
 - Even (or especially) in the midst of _____ (Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28).
- Abortion is an attack on God’s intimate _____ with the unborn.
 - He fashions them (Job 31:15) and _____ them (Exodus 21:22-25).
 - He _____ them (Jeremiah 1:5) and relates to them (Psalm 22:9-10).
 - He _____ them (Galatians 1:15), names them (Isaiah 49:1), and anoints them (Luke 1:15, 44).

The Gospel in a Culture of Death... (Titus 3:3-7)

- God is the _____ of sinners (Gen. 18:25; Ps. 139:17-24; Rom. 2:6-8).
 - Mothers who have aborted babies, fathers who have encouraged abortion, grandparents who have supported abortion, and friends who have recommended abortion.
 - Doctors who have _____ abortion.
 - Leaders who have _____ abortion (Rom. 13:1-4).
 - Government is given by God for the _____ of people.
 - Government is given by God for the legislation of _____.
 - Christians who have done _____ about abortion.
- God is the _____ of sinners.
 - He was born to save us from _____.
 - He died so that we might have _____.
 - He _____ entirely (Ps. 103:11-12; Is. 43:25; 1 Jn. 1:9) and heals deeply (Lk. 7:47-50).
 - He _____ completely (Rom. 8:1) and redeems fully (Rom. 8:28).

Our Lives in a Culture of Death... (Eph. 5:7-11; Jms. 1:22-25)

- Look _____...
 - Learn the facts about abortion.
 - See the pictures of abortion.
 - Listen to the victims of abortion.
- Step _____...
 - Share your burdens from the past with brothers and/or sisters.
 - Share your struggles in the present with brothers and/or sisters.
- Speak _____...
 - Before God.
 - Before the government.
- Reach _____...
 - Through giving to pro-life causes and ministries.
 - Through serving unwed and under-age mothers.
 - Through volunteering at pregnancy centers.
 - Through supporting abortion alternatives.
 - Through adopting unwanted children.

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The Simple Reality...

- Christ cherishes children.

The Devastating Realization...

- Our culture (and our country) murders children.

God and a Culture of Death... (Ps. 139:13-16)

- Abortion is an affront to God's sovereign authority as Creator (Is. 40:28).
 - He is the Giver of life (Job 12:9-10; 33:4).
 - He is the Taker of life (Deut. 32:39; Job 1:21).
- Abortion is an assault on God's glorious work in creation (Ps. 104:24).
 - The way God creates people compels praise (Ps. 104:27-34).
 - The womb contains a person formed in the image of God (Gen. 1:26-28).
 - ◆ If the unborn is not human, no justification for abortion is necessary.
 - ◆ If the unborn is human, no justification for abortion is adequate.
 - Though the unborn is visibly hidden from man, he/she is never hidden from God (Job 10:8-13).
 - All of God's works are wonderful.
 - Even (or especially) in the case of disability (Job 9:1-3).
 - Even (or especially) in the midst of difficulty (Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28).
- Abortion is an attack on God's intimate relationship with the unborn.
 - He fashions them (Job 31:15) and values them (Exodus 21:22-25).
 - He knows them (Jeremiah 1:5) and relates to them (Psalm 22:9-10).
 - He calls them (Galatians 1:15), names them (Isaiah 49:1), and anoints them (Luke 1:15, 44).

The Gospel in a Culture of Death... (Titus 3:3-7)

- God is the Judge of sinners (Gen. 18:25; Ps. 139:17-24; Rom. 2:6-8).
 - Mothers who have aborted babies, fathers who have encouraged abortion, grandparents who have supported abortion, and friends who have recommended abortion.
 - Doctors who have performed abortion.
 - Leaders who have permitted abortion (Rom. 13:1-4).
 - Government is given by God for the good of people.
 - Government is given by God for the legislation of morality.
 - Christians who have done nothing about abortion.
- God is the Savior of sinners.
 - He was born to save us from ourselves.
 - He died so that we might have life.
 - He forgives entirely (Ps. 103:11-12; Is. 43:25; 1 Jn. 1:9) and heals deeply (Lk. 7:47-50).
 - He restores completely (Rom. 8:1) and redeems fully (Rom. 8:28).

Our Lives in a Culture of Death... (Eph. 5:7-11; Jms. 1:22-25)

- Look around...
 - Learn the facts about abortion.
 - See the pictures of abortion.
 - Listen to the victims of abortion.
- Step forward...
 - Share your burdens from the past with brothers and/or sisters.
 - Share your struggles in the present with brothers and/or sisters.
- Speak up...
 - Before God.
 - Before the government.
- Reach out...
 - Through giving to pro-life causes and ministries.
 - Through serving unwed and under-age mothers.
 - Through volunteering at pregnancy centers.
 - Through supporting abortion alternatives.
 - Through adopting unwanted children.