

**SUBJECT:** Special Sermons.

**TITLE:** Bioethics: Where Must The Christian Stand?

**PROPOSITION:** To look at the subject of ethics as pertaining to our lives.

**OBJECTIVE:** To show where the Christian must stand.

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Read the text.

2. Regarding the text.

(1) Andrew Varga's definition of ethics: "the study of the rightness or wrongness of human conduct" (*The Main Issues in Bioethics*, p.18).

A. This is a subject of much discussion in our world today.

a. Is a thing right simply because we want it to be right or is there some objective ethical standard to which all men must submit themselves (Judges 17:6).

b. Before you can have moral rightness or wrongness you must first have an objective moral standard, one that is independent of the mind of the person doing the thinking, one that transcends any law on earth (The Nuremberg Trials held on the basis of a standard of right and wrong which transcended any law [US; International; or any other] on this earth).

B. The idea of doing what one thinks is right simply because he thinks it is right gives way to murder, rape, child molestation, divorce and remarriage for every cause, homosexuality, et.al.

(2) This kind of thinking (doing only what is right in ones own eyes) gives is the reason for our high crime rate.

(3) We will look at two areas of bioethics (as it is an exhaustive study): Abortion and the Quality of Life (also known as Eugenics).

### 3. Reference To S.T.P.O.

## **DISCUSSION**: IN OUR STUDY LET US NOTICE—

### I. WHERE THE CHRISTIAN MUST STAND ON THE DOCTRINE OF MORAL STANDARDS.

1. Most of the world holds to the idea that each person is to decide what is right and what is wrong.

(1) If a man believes that it is right to beat his wife, then he must be right (Eph. 5:28,29).

(2) If a man decides to provoke his children to wrath then it must be right (Eph. 6:4).

(3) If a man decides to murder then he must be right and he has the right to complain when he is incarcerated (1 Jno. 3:15).

2. What does the Bible teach?

(1) That God is the source of morality (1 Jno. 4:8).

(2) That God has instilled in man an objective moral code of right and wrong (Gen. 4:8,9).

(3) That God's word tells us what is right and what is wrong (Ex. 20:12-20).

(4) That there is only one truth and one right (Psa. 119:142; Prov. 23:23).

3. The Christian must follow what the Bible teaches.

### II. WHERE THE CHRISTIAN MUST STAND ON THE SUBJECT OF ABORTION.

1. Abortion has been legalized since 1973 and since then over 1.5 million babies have lost their lives by this process every year (around 46 million since that time).

(1) Pro-Death advocates argue that abortion is a woman's right.

(2) The man has no right to say what will happen.

(3) The child is the mother's property.

(4) The child has no rights protected under the constitution of the United States.

2. What the Bible teaches.

(1) Life begins at conception.

A. David said this (Psa. 51:5).

B. After Sarah conceived she was told about Esau and Jacob (Gen. 25:23).

(2) One is alive before birth (Gen. 25:23)..

(3) The word for baby in the New Testament is used to refer to both those in the womb and those already born.

A. John the Baptist was a fetus in the womb (Lk. 1:42-44).

B. Jesus was child already born (Mt. 2:9).

(4) Moses' law concerning this subject (Ex. 21:22-23).

A. The abortionist contends that this refers to the punishment to be inflicted if the woman dies.

B. The word "follow" does not just refer to the woman; it does not say "follows her".

3. Look at logic.

(1) The Bible, and logic, both teach that whatever a thing is after birth is what it was before.

(2) Each seed produces after its own kind (Gen. 1:24).

(3) A calf after being born was a calf before birth (dog, cat, horse, et. al.).

(4) Logically a human is the same way.

4. What about abortion for rape and incest.

(1) Has the baby caused the rape or incest? If not why kill it (a man hits his wife and she kills her child—where is the justice in that?).

(2) Will the abortion cause the woman to not feel the pain of being raped (incest)?

(3) Who is to say that the child isn't the legitimate child of the woman's husband?

5. What about Eugenic abortions?

(1) Isn't it better to take a deformed child's life rather than let it live with the deformity?

(2) Franklin Delanore Roosevelt.

(3) Where do we draw the line?

A. ADHD, Dyslexia (Myself and Thomas).

B. Blind and Mute (Helen Keller).

6. The Christian must stand against abortion.

### III. WHERE THE CHRISTIAN MUST STAND ON THE SUBJECTS OF EUGENICS .

1. Comes from Francis Galton: Two kinds (Negative and Positive).

(1) Negative refers to attempting to weed out genetic defects: Sterilization and prevention from breeding inferior human beings (Ultimately what Hitler wanted). Today abortion is the answer.

(2) Positive refers to breeding in desirable traits and produce a person who is a higher quality (Also what Hitler wanted).

(3) If the fetus isn't perfect it is discarded so the experiment can be tried again.

2. The quality of life is a big part of this.

(1) When does one stop having a quality life?

A. An old person of the age of 70 (Lev. 19:32; Prov. 16:31). [The Movie: Logan's Run].

B. When one has a physical handicap (Stephen Hawking: Farrell Till's statement: "If he was here to speak everybody who is any body would be here to hear him" (*The McDonald-Till Debate: The Bible and Morality*)).

(2) What a disease?

A. Alzheimers.

B. Cancer.

(3) As long as one lives, he should be allowed to live.

3. The Christian must stand against Eugenics.

### **CONCLUSION:**

SUMMARY: We have seen where the Christian must stand—

1. On the doctrine of moral standards.
2. On abortion.
3. On Eugenics.

APPEAL: Let us always stand where the Bible stands and we will be pleasing to God.

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**SUBJECT:** Salvation.

**TITLE:** What Will You Tell Jesus?

**PROPOSITION:** To look at excuses people might give in the day of judgement.

**OBJECTIVE:** To show the futility of excuses on this day.

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. Read the text: “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”

2. Regarding the text.

(1) People tend to make excuses for their failures.

A. Adam’s excuse was his wife: “The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat” (Gen. 3:12).

B. King Saul blamed Samuel for his failure to follow God’s instructions on the offering of the sacrifice: “And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him. And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash; Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering” (1 Sam. 13:10-12).

(2) Today people make all kinds of excuses as to why they don’t obey the Lord.

A. In the day of Judgment we will all stand before the judgment seat of Christ and we will have to give an account of how we lived this life. In that day no excuses will be allowed.

B. If you die before you become a Christian, or if Christ returns before you do this, you will be lost eternally. There isn't any other way to say it. You will be lost.

(3) People need to understand that if they are not Christians and faithful ones at that when Christ returns, they will be lost eternally: “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;” (2 Thess. 1:7-9). We know that God does not lie (Tit. 1:2), so we know that those who are not Christians on that day will be lost eternally.

3. Reference to S.T.P.O.

### **DISCUSSION: WHAT WILL YOU TELL JESUS ON THAT DAY—**

#### **I. I DIDN'T OBEY BECAUSE I THOUGHT I HAD PLENTY OF TIME?**

1. No one has a lease on life.

(1) Paul said: “It is appointed unto man, once to die and after that the judgment” (Heb. 9:27).

(2) Only Jesus had correct knowledge of his death “Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up” (Jno. 2:19).

(3) The rest of us must wait for our death without knowledge of when that might be or how it will occur.

2. We do not know when Christ will return.

(1) Jesus said: “But of that day and hour, knoweth no man, no not even the angels in heaven, but my Father only” (Mt. 24:36).

(2) After giving the parable of the virgins he said: “Watch ye for ye know neither the day nor the hour whenin the Son of Man cometh” (Mt. 25:13).

3. If you die or if Christ returns before you become a Christian your excuse of “I thought I had plenty of time” will not stand: “(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)” (2 Cor. 6:2).

## II. I DIDN'T OBEY BECAUSE OTHER KEPT ME FROM OBEYING.

1. Some people don't do what is right because there are hypocrites in the church. There will be hypocrites in hell too, do you want to spend eternity with them.

2. Some people don't obey because their family wouldn't like it: “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple” (Lk. 14:26).

## III. I DIDN'T OBEY BECAUSE I JUST GOT TOO BUSY.

1. I was too busy making money: “But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Tim. 6:9,10).

(1) As important as making a living is it is not as important as putting Jesus first and living for him.

(2) If one places Jesus first he will make a living for his family and that part will be taken care of.

2. I was too busy caring for my family.

(1) If we put Jesus first we will care for our families.

(2) Husbands who put Jesus first love their wives (Eph. 5:28).

(3) Children who put Jesus first will obey their parents (Eph. 6:1).

(4) Wives who put Jesus first will obey their husbands (Eph. 5:22).

(5) Fathers who put Jesus first will raise their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Eph. 6:4).

(6) We can't blame our families if we don't put Jesus first.

3. Being busy just isn't good enough.

#### CONCLUSION:

SUMMARY: We have seen the excuses that might be given in the day of judgement.

APPEAL: Don't make excuses, obey Christ today.

Hear: "They that hear shall live" (Jno. 5:25).

Believe: "Unless ye believe that I am he ye shall die in your sins" (Jno. 8:24).

Repent: "Unless you repent ye shall all likewise perish" (Lk. 13:3).

Confess: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:37).

Be baptized: "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins."

If you need to do this why not come while we stand and sing the invitation song?

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