



## Why I Hate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

### 2 Timothy 3:1-5

#### Perilous Times and Perilous Men and Women

<sup>1</sup> But know this, that in the last days perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear] will come: <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, <sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power.  
*And from such people turn away!*

#### I. I don't hate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday because I think it, somehow, unbiblical. The God of the Bible is the God of the Living!

\*Genesis 9:5-7-Noahic COVENANT \*Leviticus 17:11, 14-Blood Sustains Life \*Psalms 139:13-16  
"But, as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it."

#### II. I hate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday because I'm reminded that we have to say things to one another that human beings shouldn't have to say.

Abortion poses risks to women and kills their preborn children. At its root, abortion is evidence of a lack of choices for women in unintended pregnancies as well as a societal disrespect for the value of young human life.

Euthanasia involves *the intentional killing of a patient by the direct intervention of a physician or another party, ostensibly for the good of the patient or others.* The most common form of euthanasia is lethal injection. Euthanasia can be voluntary (at the patient's request), non-voluntary (without the knowledge or consent of the patient) or involuntary (against his or her wishes).

#### III. I hate Sanctity of Human Life Sunday because I'm reminded that as I'm preaching there are babies warmly nestled in wombs who won't be there tomorrow. Also, elderly men and women languishing away in loneliness, their lives pronounced to be a waste.

#### IV. But I also love Sanctity of Human Life Sunday when I think about....

1. The fact that I serve a congregation with ex-orphans all around, adopted into loving families.

\*Psalms 68:5-6

2. I love to reflect on *the men and women who serve every week in pregnancy centers for women in crisis.*

3. I love to see *men and women who have aborted babies find their sins forgiven, even this sin, and their consciences cleansed by Christ.*

I hope, please Lord, someday soon, that Sanctity of Human Life Day is unnecessary.

## \*Abortion by Focus on the Family Issue Analysts “History in the United States”

- In the mid-to-late 1800's, all states passed laws making it illegal to perform or attempt to perform an abortion. These laws were supported by the medical community, which noted abortion's moral implications and danger to women.
- During this time period, notable activists in the women's suffrage movement, such as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, spoke out against abortion in their efforts to protect women and children.
- The term, "back-alley abortion," became slang for illegal abortions.

In 1959, efforts to liberalize state abortion laws were mounting, and model legislation to legalize abortion in limited cases was proposed at the state level. Abortion advocates often cited as many as ten thousand illegal abortion deaths each year as reason for legalization. However, statements from those on the forefront of this movement reveal that this number was, at best, unsubstantiated and, at worse, purposefully exaggerated. <sup>1</sup>

Another argument for legalizing abortion was that it would enable licensed physicians — rather than unlicensed amateurs — to commit the act. However, in 1960, before abortion was legal, Mary Calderone, former president of Planned Parenthood, wrote that trained physicians performed "90% of illegal abortions." <sup>2</sup>

- In 1968, Colorado, California, North Carolina and Oregon reformed abortion laws to allow abortion in some cases.
- Between 1969-1970, a dozen other states followed suit.
- On January 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down every state abortion law through two rulings, *Roe v Wade* and *Doe v Bolton*.

### Current Status

- The number of annual reported abortions in the U.S. peaked in 1990 at 1.4 million abortions before dropping in subsequent years. **As of 2010, there has been 50,000,000 Abortions in the U.S..**
- More than one million abortions are performed in the U.S. each year.
- Based on current abortion rates, about one in three women will have an abortion by age 45. <sup>3</sup>
- Fourty-four percent of women who had abortions in the U.S. had at least one previous abortion. <sup>4</sup>
- Eighty-two percent of women who had abortions in the U.S. were unmarried. <sup>5</sup>
- Fifty percent of U.S. women having abortions are younger than 25 years old. <sup>6</sup>

### The Number of Abortions Since 1973 in U.S.

The number of abortions performed in the US since 1973 is approach **50 million**. An easy number to read, and a hard one to comprehend. Here's another way to try to get your mind around the number. If you add up the populations to the following **25 states**, they equal about **50 million**. [Kentucky](#) [Oregon](#) [Oklahoma](#) [Connecticut](#) [Iowa](#) [Mississippi](#) [Arkansas](#) [Kansas](#) [Utah](#) [Nevada](#) [New Mexico](#) [West Virginia](#) [Nebraska](#) [Idaho](#) [Maine](#) [New Hampshire](#) [Hawaii](#) [Rhode Island](#) [Montana](#) [Delaware](#) [South Dakota](#) [Alaska](#) [North Dakota](#) [Vermont](#) [Wyoming](#)

### WORLDWIDE

**WORLDWIDE: Number of Abortions per year:** Approximately **42 Million**,  
**Since 1973:** **1,314,000,000 Billion Abortions**

**Number of abortions per day:** Approximately 115,000

**Where abortions occur:** 83% of all abortions are obtained in developing countries and 17% occur in undeveloped countries. © Copyright 1996-2008, **The Alan Guttmacher Institute.** (www.agi-usa.org)

