**Cultural Myth #2: God is ok with Abortion?**

1. Not a “Secret Sin” any longer
   1. Adoption used to be a secret sin. However, now it is openly praised.
   2. Isaiah 5:20 (*20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.*)
2. The devaluing of human life
   1. Roe vs. Wade (1973)
      1. The *Roe* decision defined "viable" as being "potentially able to live outside the mother's womb, albeit with artificial aid", adding that viability "is usually placed at about seven months (28 weeks) but may occur earlier, even at 24 weeks."
   2. Partial birth Abortions were not banned until 2003.
   3. Statistics for Abortions conducted in the US
      1. In a recent study in 2008, it was found that 1.21 million abortions were conducted in the nation.
      2. The states ranking at the top were New York, Florida, and Texas.
      3. 22% of pregnancies are ended by abortion.
   4. Pro-Choice or Pro-Life?
3. The value of human life
   1. We are made in the very image of God.
      1. Genesis 1:26, 27 (*26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*)
      2. Genesis 9:6 (*6 “Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.*)
   2. God gave us life.
      1. Genesis 2:7 (*7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.*)
      2. Zechariah 12:1 (*1 The burden of the word of the Lord against Israel. Thus says the Lord, who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him.*)
   3. God is active in fetal development.
      1. Eccl. 11:5 (*5 As you do not know what is the way of the wind, Or how the bones grow in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything.*)
      2. Job 10:11-12 (*11 Clothe me with skin and flesh, And knit me together with bones and sinews? 12 You have granted me life and favor, And Your care has preserved my spirit.*)
      3. Psalm 139:13 – 17 (*13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them. 17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them.*)
   4. When does life begin for a fetus?
      1. Genesis 9:4 (*4 But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.*)
      2. A fetus begins developing blood cells as early as week 5.
      3. What is tricky about it is that the fetus as only been created for about 2 to 3 weeks.
      4. Not saying that this is exact point of life being in a fetus. I believe happens at fertilization, however, we know for sure that once we have blood then we have life.
   5. God knows us before we are born.
      1. God knew Jeremiah before he was in the womb.
         * Jeremiah 1:4 – 5 (*4 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.*)
      2. God planned for Paul’s mission before he was in the womb.
         * Galatians 1:15 (*15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace.*)
      3. John the Baptist recognizes the power of the Lord Jesus even while both are in the womb.
         * Luke 1:39 – 44 (*39 Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, 40 and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. 41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy.*)
   6. The Human soul is of the greatest value.
      * + Matthew 16:26 (*26 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul.*)
   7. The murder of the innocent brings a stiff penalty from God.
      1. There was a penalty in the Old Law for killing or harming an unborn child.
         * Exodus 21:22 – 25 (*22 “If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23 But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.*)
         * Exodus 23:7 (*7 Keep yourself far from a false matter; do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked.*)
         * Proverbs 6:17 (*17 A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood.*)
4. How should we respond?
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      1. Isaiah 5:20 (*20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter.*)
      2. Romans 1:28 – 32 (*28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy,* ***murder****, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same* ***but also approve of those who practice them****.*)
   2. God demands repentance.
      1. Acts 7:58 (*58 and they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.*)
         * Acts 8:1 (*1 Now Saul was* ***consenting*** *to his death.*)
         * I Timothy 1:15 (*15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am* ***chief****.*)
      2. I Corinthians 6:9 – 11 (*9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11* ***And such were some of you.*** *But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*)
   3. We must be willing to stand for the truth.
      1. I Peter 3:15 (*15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.*)
      2. Psalm 94:16 (*16 Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?*)