

Biblical Perspective:

1 Kings 19: Elijah

It's not over 'til it's over...

1 Corinthians 3:16,17:

1 Corinthians 6:19,20:

It's not your call...

Luke 1:38:

2 Corinthians 12:9a:

Philippians 4:11b,13,19:

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Action

Education

Policy/Law

"Death with HOPE"

Godly Living in a Godless Culture

Social Issues – Abortion, Euthanasia, and Physician Assisted Suicide

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Rev 7:9 After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

Romans 5:8

Colossians 3:11

Social Issues:

What does the Bible say?

What should the church do to lead to wholeness and holiness?

Topics include:

Homelessness

Human Trafficking

LGBTQ & related "gender" issues

Poverty

Immigration

A word of warning... Late 1800's... Social Gospel

Value

Basis?

1 John 2:2

Romans 10:11-13

2 Peter 3:9

John 3:16

All persons are valued by God.

All persons have value.

Term

Isaiah 49:1b

Psalms 139:13-16

Job 14:5

Ephesians 1:3-5

Our value comes from God's valuation of us:

We are His "image bearers"

He desires that we not perish

Christ died for us.

Problem...

All persons have value.

Personhood?

Charge

Proverbs 31:8-9

Prov 24:11-12

Abortion

Abortion rates 2014 (of 62 counties in NYS)

20. Niagara - Abortion ratio: 262.2 – 20.8%

9. Erie - Abortion ratio: 319.8 – 24.2%

1. Bronx - Abortion ratio: 804.7 – 44.6%

Bottomline: the world is broken by sin.

Challenge

More than babies...

Truth is truth

The Word of God to transform hearts and lives. It is STILL the truth people need to hear...

1 Peter 3:15

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James 2:15-17

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Euthanasia & Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS)

Problem: Slippery Slope

"Countries like Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg, and others are perfect examples of how opening the door to voluntary euthanasia leads directly to the practice of non-voluntary euthanasia, which is the killing of sick individuals who are incapable of consent, and even involuntary euthanasia, which is the killing of sick individuals against their will. These practices, although abhorrent, become normalized when a society deems certain lives not worth living." (ERLC - <https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/what-does-the-bible-teach-about-euthanasia-and-physician-assisted-suicide>)

Challenge