

Freedom of blessing life

Exodus 20:13

The reason for the command

The better translation is _____, not _____.

Human life is sacred because we are made in the _____ of God.

Materialism	Christianity
Human origin	
Human nature	
Human value	
Right to life	
Authority	

The spirit of the law may demand more than the letter

Jesus put _____ in the same category as murder.
Matthew 5:21-24

Our standard is _____, not just refraining from murder.
Romans 13:9-10

Home Bible Study

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Getting started

1. Did any part of the sermon make you think? Was there anything with which you strongly agreed or disagreed? Was there anything that was new to you?
2. Christians have been accused of teaching a negative view of humanity because of doctrines such as original sin, universal sin and God's coming judgment. Do you think Christianity or materialism has a higher view of humanity? (NOTE: Materialism is the dominant world view of our culture. It's view of human life and nature is from the table in this week's sermon outline.)
3. Genesis 1:26, 27 says, "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.' So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." What do you think it means when it says we are all made in the image of God?

Going deeper

4. What do Psalm 8, Psalm 139:13-16 and other Bible passages teach us about the value God places on human life?
5. Read Ephesians 4:29-5:2. Most of us won't ever face an overwhelming temptation to actually commit murder. However, we are called to a more challenging standard: love. Bill Hybels wrote, "There is little difference between the dripping knife and the juicy gossip." Do you agree? Why or why not?

Putting it into practice

6. What could/should you do to bless the lives of others (or even your own life) more?