

Love & Light

Week 9

1 John 5:1-3

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

Luke 10:25-29

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” 27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” 29 But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Matthew 5:43-44

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you”

John 13:24

So Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking.

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:19-21

We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

1 John 4:12

No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

“What is the unborn?”

Scientific Case

From the earliest stages of development, the unborn child is a distinct, living, and whole human being.

Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and 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.

Jeremiah 22:3

Thus says the Lord: Do justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place.

Philosophical Case

There is no value-giving difference between the embryonic human being you once were and the adult you are today that would justify killing you at that earlier stage.

SLED

Size

Level of Development

Environment

Degree of Dependency

How can we love our unborn neighbor?

1. Acknowledge that the unborn is our neighbor
2. Repent for not being a good neighbor
3. Respond with words and deeds

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land

1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect

Deeds:

1. Creating a culture of acceptance and not shame
2. Offering to pay bill if necessary to help women in unplanned pregnancies
3. Advertising the Church's willingness to adopt and raise any child
4. Support pro-life organizations and your local pregnancy resource center