

“Life Matters”- Reimagining the way of being Human

Exodus 20:13 – Matthew 5:21-22

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“**You shall not murder.**” Exodus 20:13

Murder is the intentional taking of a life, a person created in the image of God. Murder is killing with **malice** and **hate** in the heart.

Pharaoh’s entire world, the socio-economic structure, the culture, their way of life was built on **Production and Consumption**.

By the age of 18 the average person in America has witnessed somewhere around **40,000** murders on TV and in the movies.

The 10 commandments are not just one-off prohibitions against terrible things. They are the beginning of a new ordering of life, a **new way of being human**, the emancipation, the liberation of all humankind.

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.” Matthew 5:21-22

But God in Christ is **doing something new**.

“God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” Psalm 147

“I have been sent to heal the brokenhearted.” Luke 4:18

“Forgive us our **trespasses** as we forgive those who **trespass** against us.” Matthew 6:12

“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13

“You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” Matthew 5:43-44

“I tell you not **seven times**, but **seventy times seven**.” Matthew 18:22

“Father forgive them. They don’t understand what they’re doing.” Luke 23:34

“A new command I give you: **Love one another**. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

Hate and murder **did not get the last word**. God is making all things new.