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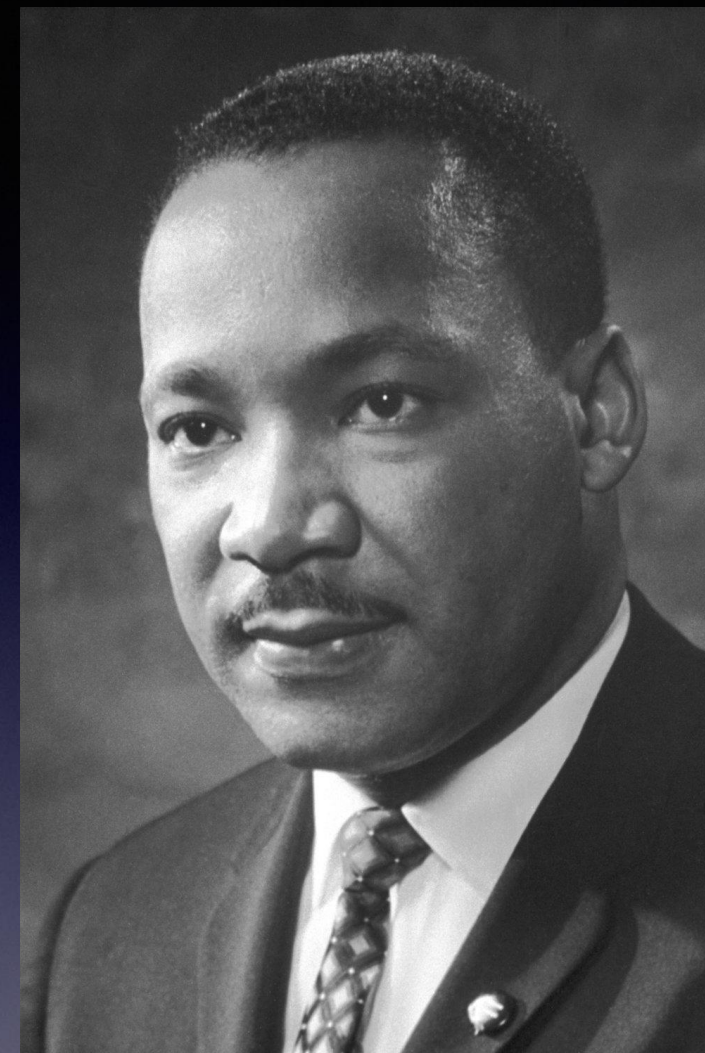
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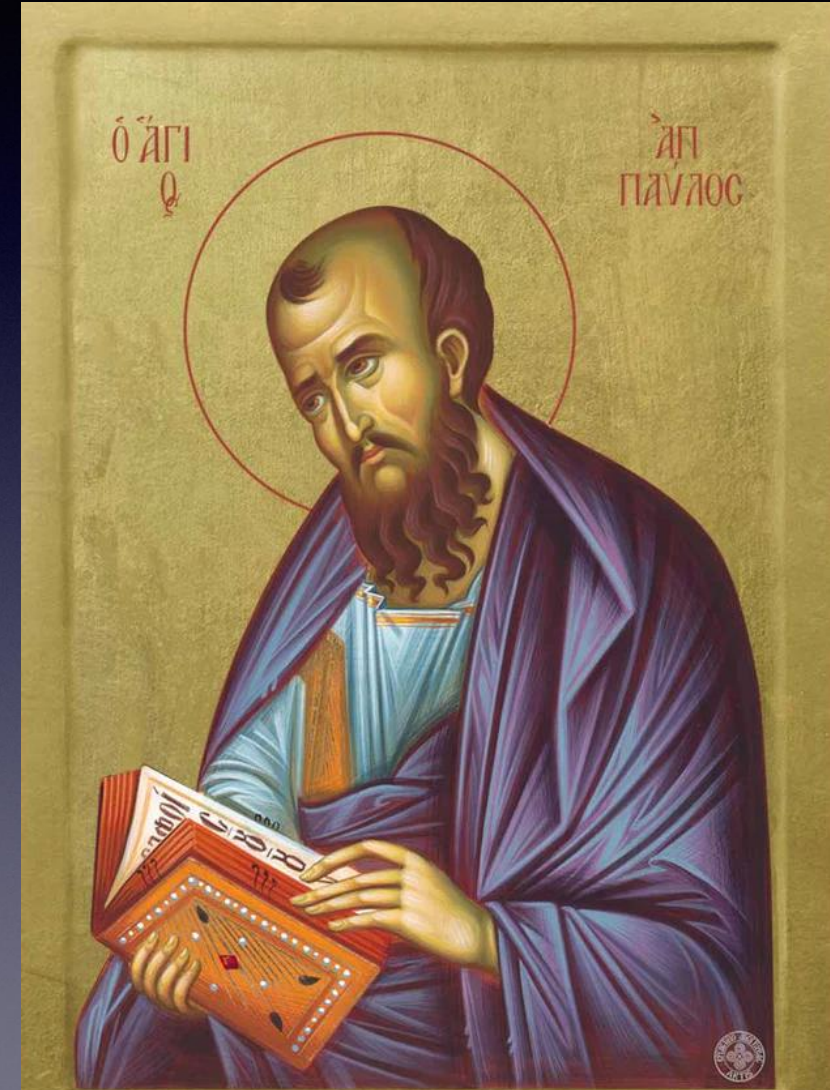


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“If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at the moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. *Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved.*”

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the ruler, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places"

(Ephesians 6:12 NIV)



“I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is **abortion**, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion”.

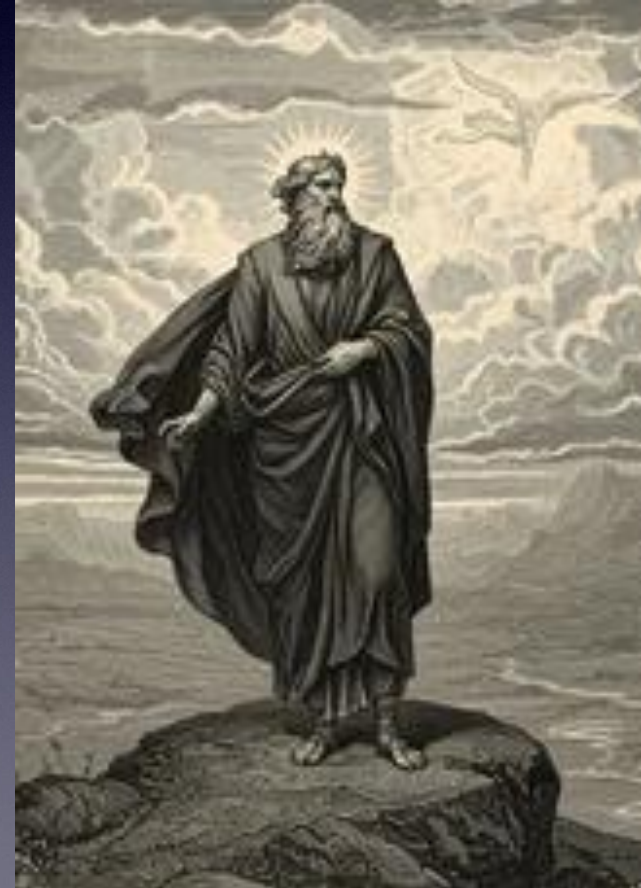
(National Right To Life News, March 1994)



¹⁹ This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. **Now choose life, so that you and your children may live**

²⁰ and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

(Deut. 30:19-20 NIV)



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The Road Not Taken

...I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

-Robert Frost



Jesus said: "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road

that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it."

(Matthew 7:13-14 NIV)

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Speak for Life!



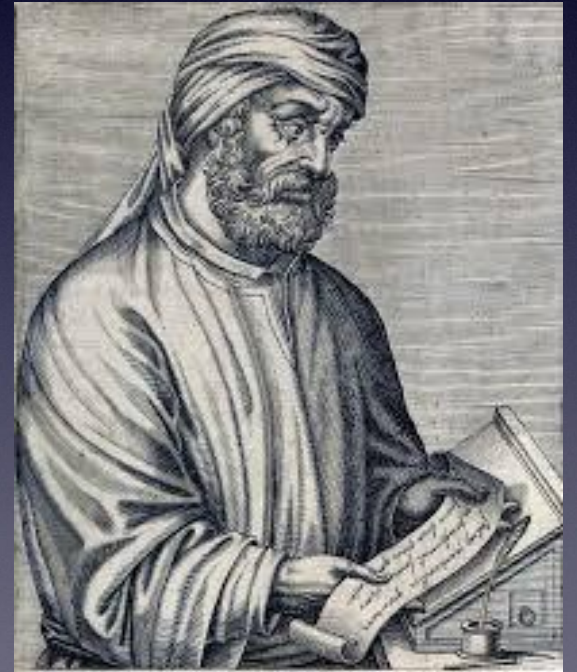
*“Thou shalt not murder
a child by abortion.”*

(Didache, early 2nd century)



*“In our case, murder being once for all
forbidden, we may not destroy even
the Fetus in the womb.”*

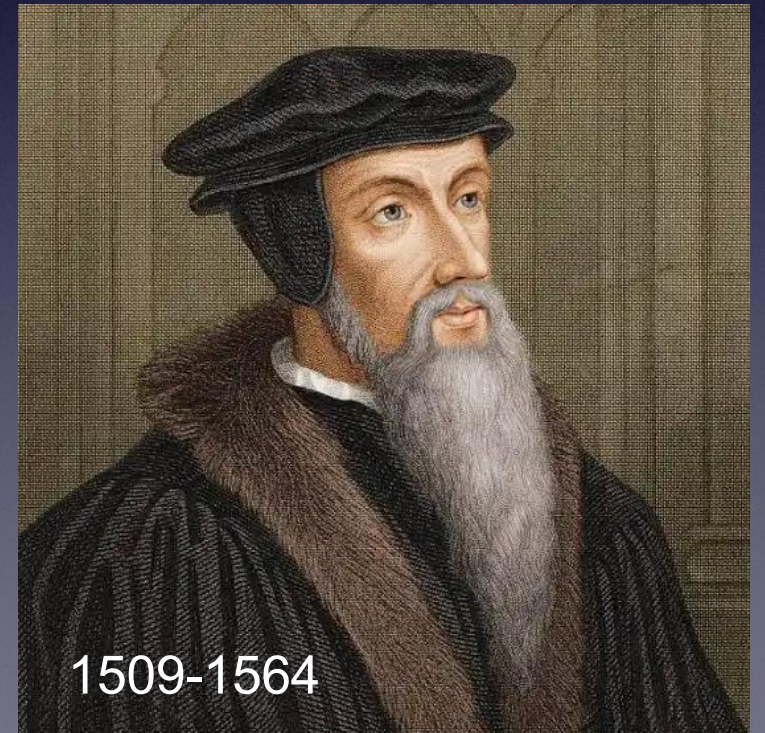
(Tertullian, late 2nd century).



From: "Presbyterians and Abortion: Historical Christian Perspectives")

...the unborn, though enclosed in the womb of his mother, is already a human being, and it is an almost monstrous crime to rob it of Life which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man's house is his most secure place of refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy the unborn in the womb before it has come to light.

(John Calvin, Commentary on Exodus 21:22)



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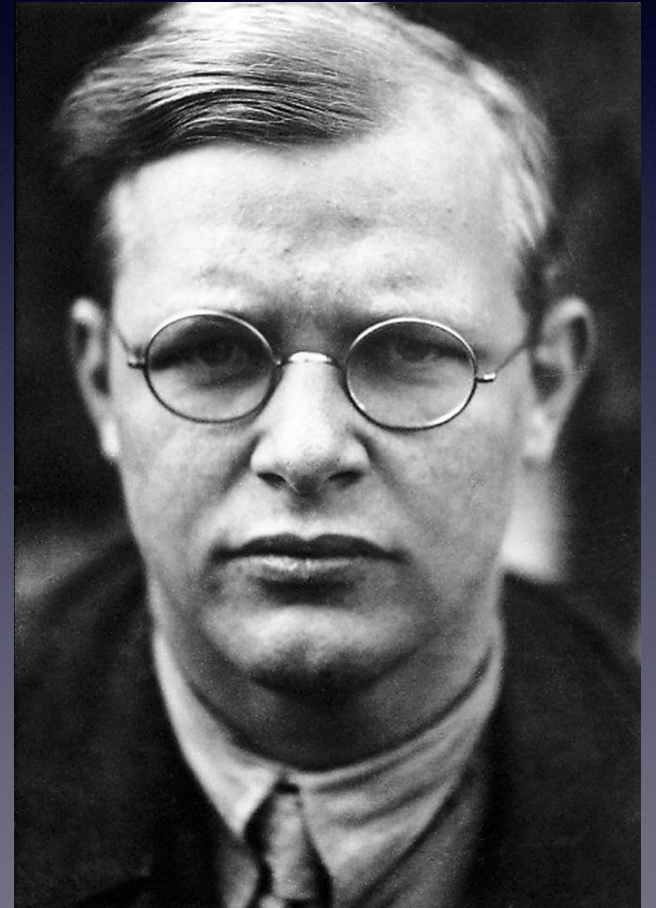
“The unborn child is from the very first a child. It is still developing and has no independent life. But it is a human and not a thing, nor a mere part of the mother's body. . . He who destroys germinating life kills a human.”

(Karl Barth, 1886-1968 writing at the time of the Holocaust)



“Destruction of the embryo in the mother's womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed upon this nascent life.”

(Deitrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945)



“For many people today abortion has become little more than another means of birth control, practiced for mere personal convenience with no regard for the fate of the infant growing in the womb – and from the Bible’s standpoint, that self-centered approach is wrong.

All too often the right to life of the unborn child has been tragically lost in a tidal wave of cries for the ‘right’ to choose.”

(From “The Coming Storm” 1992)





ECO holds that human life begins at conception. To artificially end the life of a conceived fetus (abortion) is the shedding of human blood and dishonoring the image of God. ECO holds that human life ends at natural death. ECO holds that all officers of ECO hold one another accountable to affirm the image of God in all human life from conception to natural death. We hold that this is an essential tenet of our shared belief...

(Statement on Human Life—ECO's Polity and Theology Approved by the Synod Executive Council 7/1/22)

*“How can the ‘Dream’ survive if we murder the children? **Every aborted baby is like a slave in the womb of his or her mother.** The mother decides his or her fate.”*

*“Because I am a civil rights activist **I have to fight for the rights of the unborn.**”*

Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King, Jr.





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