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The Sanctity of Life

From the very beginning of Scripture, God makes a clear distinction between humanity and all other creation. Humanity is different. Humanity bears God's image. Humanity has God's breath in us. Humanity can commune with God. Humanity has a sanctity of life not imparted to any other part of creation. As such, believers must defend the sanctity of all life.

**Verses:**

Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7

Leviticus 19:2

Psalms 139, 147:8

Isaiah 40:26

Hebrews 1:1-5

1 John 4:7-10

**Outline:**

1. The sanctity of life is derived from God's holiness.

2. The sanctity of life flows from God's love.

3. The sanctity of life is a testimony to God's love.

**Study Questions:**

1. What two distinctions are seen in the creation of man? How does this make us different from other parts of creation?

2. How does the sanctity of life flow from God's holiness? Why is this important?

3. What does Psalm 139 state about life? What truths are drawn from this Psalm? How does this also impact the sanctity of life outside the womb?

4. What is the connection between God's love and the sanctity of life? What benefits of God's love are bestowed upon us?

5. How is the Holy Spirit leading you to respond to God today?