

Affirmation of Life

This Affirmation of Life document is an amplification of our Statement of Faith, point #10.

Recognizing that Deeper Still is a Christian ministry that seeks to love and worship God, to honor and obey His word, and with the mission to bring healing and lasting freedom to abortion wounded hearts. I accept and agree with the following statements regarding the sacredness of human life, the sin of abortion, and the healing mission of Deeper Still.

I believe in the sacredness of human life as taught in the Bible and therefore, reject abortion as an acceptable option for a woman facing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. If in a very rare case an abortion is necessary to save the life of the mother, based on her doctor's counsel, that decision should be made between the mother, father, and their spiritual shepherd.

I reject and renounce any worldly philosophy or doctrine that would promote the practice of abortion in policy or practice.

1. People are made in the image and likeness of God. *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. So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:26, 27.*

2. Children are a gift from the Lord. *Behold children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Psalm 127:3*

3. All babies are formed and knit together in their mother's womb. All babies have a soul from the moment of conception and have purpose and destiny regardless of how they were conceived (including rape or incest). *For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I will praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in Your book, were written, everyone of them, the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was none of them. Psalm 139:13-16*

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; Before you were born, I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations. Jeremiah 1:5

And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason, the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. Luke 1:31

And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb... Luke 1:41

4. Abortion is the sin of deliberately taking the life of a baby in the womb and is therefore the sin of murder. *You shall not murder. Exodus 20:13*

5. In our modern-day culture babies in the womb are sacrificed for the sake of convenience, education, career, gender preference, health of baby, timing of pregnancy, government restrictions etc. The Bible strongly condemns these attitudes and actions as a violation of God’s heart and laws.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves, do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Philippians 2:3,4

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2

These decisions are usually fueled by fear, shame, sexual sin, abuse, and self-preservation. In some cultures, abortion is forced upon women. The Church is called to play a big role in addressing these associated issues. God’s power and love is stronger than all the fears, shame, and trauma. We can offer the grace and mercy that gives courage, hope and provision for women and men to choose life.

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:15-17

...He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners... Isaiah 61:1

6. I believe that God’s mercy is great enough to forgive the sin of abortion, to heal the wounds and trauma that abortion inflicts on the mothers, the fathers, and other loved ones, and that the love and mercy of God is able to bring beauty for ashes for everyone involved.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. Psalm 103:2-5

7. The Lord has called Deeper Still to bring the good news of salvation, forgiveness of sin, and to bring healing to those wounded by abortion.

Signature – Team Member, volunteer

Date

Signature – Deeper Still, Executive Staff

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