

## SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) Life is a wonderful gift from God, and we ought to enjoy life and choose life.
- b) Jesus is the great life giver; Satan is the great life destroyer.
  - i) John 10:10
- c) The sixth commandment tells us to choose life.
  - i) Exodus 20:13
- d) As parents, we need to teach our children and our families to choose life.

2) JESUS CHRIST GIVES US THREE KINDS OF LIFE

- a) Jesus give us physical life.
  - i) John 1:3
  - ii) Genesis 2:7
  - iii) We were created by a loving Creator.
  - iv) Evolution is not science; it is a bias against Almighty God.
  - v) We need to teach our children that Jesus Christ is the author of physical life.
- b) Jesus gives us spiritual life.
  - i) John 14:6
    - (1) Without Jesus, there is no going.
    - (2) Without Jesus, there is no knowing.
    - (3) Without Jesus, there is no growing.
  - ii) Christians are not just nice people trying to do better; we are new creatures having been regenerated and supernaturally transformed by Jesus Christ.
- c) Jesus gives us eternal life.
  - i) John 10:10
  - ii) John 10:27-28
    - (1) Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us His sheep.
  - iii) Eternal life speaks of the quality and quantity of life.
    - (1) Jesus adds years to the life and life to the years.
    - (2) It is never ending life.
- d) Whereas Jesus Christ is the great life giver, Satan is the minister of destruction.
  - i) John 10:10
  - ii) John 8:44
  - iii) Exodus 20:13 is another way of saying that we must reject Satan; we must choose life.
  - iv) Satan wants to bring death to our families.
    - (1) He wants to bring death to youth.
    - (2) He wants to bring death to purity.
    - (3) He wants to bring death to joy.
    - (4) He wants to bring death to happiness.
    - (5) He wants to bring physical death.
    - (6) He wants to bring spiritual and eternal death.

- (7) Satan wants to make the abundant life the Jesus provides miserable.
  - (8) Satan is antithetical to life.
  - v) Satan hates life because he hates man.
    - (1) He hates man because man is in the image of God, and Satan hates God.
    - (2) Satan cannot get to God so he tries to get at man instead.
  - vi) Satan is a murderer, and his method is deception.
    - (1) He wants to deceive, then destroy and then to damn.
    - (2) Sin thrills and then it kills.
  - e) Deuteronomy 30:15-20
  - f) Genesis 2:7 shows that God gave man spiritual life and that man became a living soul.
    - i) The soul speaks of the mind, emotion and the will.
      - (1) That is self-conscience or social life.
    - ii) Every person has three kinds of life: body, soul and spirit.
      - (1) With his body, he has physical life.
        - (a) Physical life made of the dust of the ground.
        - (b) We know the world beneath us.
      - (2) With his soul, he has social life.
        - (a) The Greek word for “soul” is “psyche.”
        - (b) We know the world around us.
        - (c) This is our psychological life.
      - (3) With his spirit, he has spiritual life.
        - (a) We know the world above us.
  - g) Fathers are to protect these three kinds of life for their wives and children.
    - i) Deuteronomy 22:8
    - ii) It is the father’s responsibility to build “a wall” to protect his family from various types of death.
- 3) FAMILIES ARE GIVEN TO PROTECT PHYSICAL LIFE
- a) There are several forms of destruction from which parents are to protect their homes.
    - i) Intentional killing; homicide
      - (1) We live in a bloody and murderous society.
      - (2) God will judge them.
    - ii) Suicide
      - (1) Our lives belong to God.
      - (2) God is wise enough, strong enough and good enough to handle what comes our way.
      - (3) God never approves of suicide.
      - (4) It brings shame and sorrow on the family.
      - (5) 1 Corinthians 10:13
        - (a) The word “temptation” in this passage does not only mean sin, but also means testing, trial and sorrow.

- (b) God will give grace and He will make a way.
  - iii) The crime of infanticide
    - (1) Thousands of unborn children are killed in America each day.
    - (2) One of the most dangerous places on earth has become the womb.
    - (3) Jeremiah 1:5
    - (4) Pre-born life is real life and precious in the sight of Almighty God.
  - b) There are also several indirect ways to transgress Exodus 20:13.
    - i) Cruelty
    - ii) Corrupt businesses, such as the alcohol business.
      - (1) Habakkuk 2:12
      - (2) Habakkuk 2:15
    - iii) Failing to take care of our bodies; temple maintenance.
      - (1) Overeating and not eating healthy.
      - (2) Drinking alcohol.
    - iv) Hatred
      - (1) 1 John 3:15
      - (2) Harboring hate in our hearts for other human beings.
        - (a) Racial hate.
        - (b) Religious hate.
        - (c) Revengeful hate.
- 4) FAMILIES SHOULD PROVIDE SOCIAL LIFE
  - a) We should make our homes a happy place.
- 5) FAMILIES SHOULD PRESENT SPIRITUAL LIFE
  - a) Parents, especially fathers, should lead their children to Christ.
  - b) Parents should pray and plead for the spiritual lives of their children.
- 6) CONCLUSION
  - a) Choose life today. Choose the abundant, eternal life that Jesus Christ offers.
  - b) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
  - c) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
    - i) Romans 3:23
    - ii) Romans 10:9-10
    - iii) Romans 10:13
    - iv) Acts 16:31
    - v) John 3:16