

Sermon: “*Every Person: God’s Creation of Great Value*”

I. The value of every human life *acknowledged* by the President.

“The values and freedoms we cherish as Americans rest on our fundamental commitment to the sanctity of human life.” January 13, 1984, President Ronald Reagan

II. The value of every human being *acclaimed* by God.

A. Every person is of value because people *alone* are made in the image of God

Genesis 1:26-27 “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male and female** he created them.”

Psalms 8:4, 5-6

“What is man that you are mindful of him,..?”

“You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.”

B. Every person is of value because every person is a uniquely crafted creation of God from the moment of conception.

Psalms 139:13-16 “For you created *my* inmost being; you knit *me* together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw *my* unformed body.”

Luke 1:41 “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, *the baby* leaped in her womb...

III. “What about the pregnant woman considering an abortion? Isn’t she valuable and made in God’s image, too?” (Yes! And women are being de-valued by abuse).

A. The traumatic condition in which she may find herself.

B. The treacherous “counsel” she is being given.

C. The truthful care to which she is entitled.

IV. The value of every human being *answered to by us!*

James 1:22 “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:27 “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”

“CURA Women’s Care Clinic”

(A Ministry of Human Coalition, Inc.)

“To transform our present culture of death into a culture of life, ending abortion in America by making it unthinkable”

“So- *what do I do?*”

V. The value of every person *affirmed* by Jesus.

I Timothy 1:13-16 “Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy. Jesus came into the world **to save sinners**—*of whom I am the worst.*”

Romans 8:1; 33-34 “There is therefore *now* **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus. Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?”