Oxymoron Mini-Sermon Series
Sunday 18 July 2021
“Oxymoron: Pro-Choice Christians”

‘Oxymoron’ is defined as “a combination of contradictory or incompatible words.”

Telemachus - late 4th Century monk of Eastern Europe, arrived in Rome January 1st, 404 A.D. - entered the Roman Coliseum - “Stop! in the name of Christ, stop!”

I. What Does the Bible Say About Life and Death?
   God says don’t “murder,” but does not forbid “killing”—sanctions war (Deuteronomy 1:30; 2 Samuel 22:35), commands capital punishment (Numbers 35:16-21, 30-33), provides a refuge for the accidental death of another person (Joshua 20:1-6).
   God is opposed to deliberate or unwarranted destruction of life.

II. What Does the Bible Say About Abortion?

III. What Does the Bible Say About Euthanasia?

IV. What Does the Bible Say About Suicide?
   The Bible records five suicides:
   Samson (Judges 16:29-30)
   Saul and his armor-bearer (1 Samuel 31:4-5)
   Ahithophel (2 Samuel 17:23)
   Zimri (1 Kings 16:18), and
   Judas (Matthew 27:5).

V. What Does the Bible Say About Capital Punishment?
   Distinction:
   ♦ Sin is defined as “any wanton of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.” Thus, sin is an infraction of God’s law.
   ♦ Crime is defined as “an act or the commission of an act that is forbidden, or the omission of a duty that is commanded by a public law, and that makes the offender liable to punishment by that law.” Thus, crime is an infraction of a government law.
   ♦ Punishment is “the act of penalizing an offender for a sin or a crime, and it is a payment for wrongdoing.”
   ♦ Rehabilitation is “any measure taken to change an offender’s character, habits, or behavior patterns so as to diminish his criminal propensities.”
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Scripture Readings  

Psalms 139:13-24  (New King James Version)

13 For You formed my inward parts;  
You covered me in my mother’s womb.  
14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Marvelous are Your works,  
And that my soul knows very well.  
15 My frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.  
16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.  
And in Your book they all were written,  
The days fashioned for me,  
When as yet there were none of them.  
17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!  
18 If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;  
When I awake, I am still with You.  
19 Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God!  
Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.  
20 For they speak against You wickedly;  
Your enemies take Your name in vain.  
21 Do I not hate them, O L ORD, who hate You?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?  
22 I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.  
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
Try me, and know my anxieties;  
24 And see if there is any wicked way in me,  
And lead me in the way everlasting.  

Exodus 20:13  (New King James Version)  

13 You shall not murder.