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THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

“Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other was named Puah; and he said, ‘When you are helping the Hebrew women to give birth and see them upon the birthstool, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.’ But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live...So God was good to the midwives, and the people multiplied, and became very mighty. Because the midwives feared God, He established households for them,” Exodus 1:15-17,20-21. One of the roles of responsibility God’s people have is to be the guardians of truth regarding the established rule of law in His eternal kingdom. What those of this

world refer to as “convenient population control,” the servants of God must defend and rightly define as the murder of innocent life. As Pilate stated to Jesus, “What is truth?” many today feel compelled to live and define the truth that they prefer. Redefining terms and definitions at will to suit their own personal lifestyle, God is relying on His people to be the salt of the earth and light of the world to “testify to the truth” as Jesus came to do (Jn. 18:37). God established from the earliest stages of humanity that human life is sacred and precious to God and made known His will to execute the strictest judgment upon those who violate this truth.

“Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man,” Genesis 9:6. The strength and validity to this

truth is seeing God's consistent justice with establishing and defending this law of the defense of life as it applies no matter how young or how old that life is. Throughout God's word He establishes the terms and definitions which provide the true way of seeing life in the womb as human life to be defended by His law of justice towards humanity. God's word defines preborn infants as "children" or "sons" while even in the womb (Gen. 25:21-26; 2 Kgs. 19:3; Ruth 1:11-13). In the book of Job the word for a "male-child" used to describe a full grown man (Job 3:23) also refers to him at the moment of conception as a "male-child" (Job 3:3). In the life of John the Baptist, he was a "son" at conception and a "son" when he was born (Luke 1:36,57). Jacob and Esau are described as "brothers" even in the womb (Hos. 12:2-3) and the same word is used when they are fully grown (Gen. 27:41). Stillborn miscarriages are described as "infants who never saw light" (Job 3:16), and are ALWAYS referred to as a human child (Ps. 8:2; Joel 2:16). Just as all human life derives from God, so those at conception in the womb have been created and formed by God Himself. "For You formed

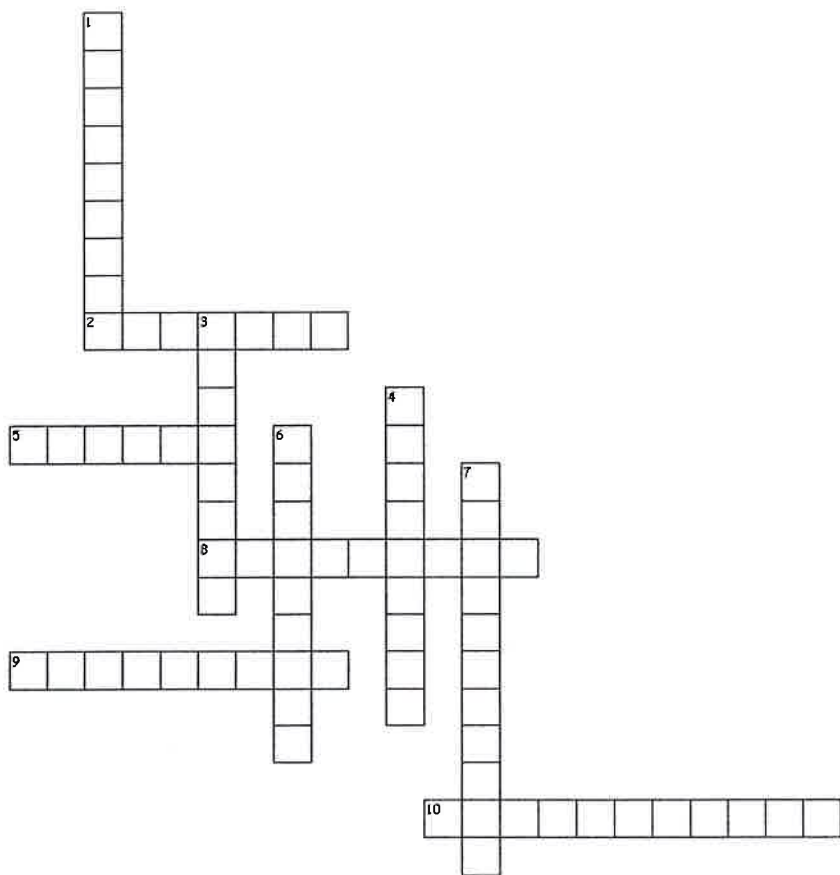
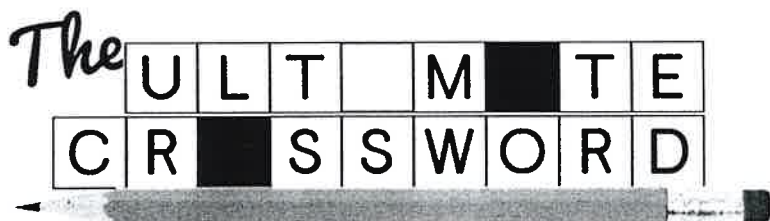
my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well," Psalm 139:13-14. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you," Jer. 1:5. "Thus says the LORD who made you and formed you from the womb, who will help you," Is. 44:2. God established in His word that there would be justice upon killing the unborn. Unintentionally killing the unborn carried greater justice than all other cases of accidental death. "If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges decide. But if there is any further injury, then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life," Ex. 21:22-23. Regardless of using such ambiguous terms as "fetus," "product of conception," "unwanted pregnancy," or "foreign tissue," the scriptures use the word "mother" as the relationship between anyone who has conceived a child in their womb. "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby

leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice and said, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And how has it happened to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy,' Lk. 1:41-44. With so many redefining the definition of marriage, sexual orientation, and human life itself, we seek to bring truth and light to a world living in darkness as Paul sought to do in Athens to a city darkened in the obscurity of idolatry. "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things; and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us...Therefore having

overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead," Acts 17:24-27,30-31. Let us be the true source of truth and light in this dark world and demonstrate God's love and just defense for all life by seeking to bring all to Him that they might be saved. "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance," 2 Pet. 3:9.
– Daniel Ruegg



"Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls, yet I will exult in the LORD, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and He has made my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high places."
Habakkuk 3:17-19



ACROSS

2. Do not ____ rebuke an older man, but appeal to him as a father. (1 Tim. 5:1)
5. The church is the ____ and support of the truth. (1 Tim. 3:15)
8. Those who do not agree with sound words of Christ are _____. (1 Tim. 6:3-4)
9. Some have turned aside to _____ discussion. (1 Tim. 1:6)
10. Godliness is gain when accompanied by this. (1 Tim. 6:6)

DOWN

1. Law is not made for a ____ person, but for the ungodly. (1 Tim. 1:9)
3. An overseer and deacon must be above _____. (1 Tim. 3:2,10)
4. Paul told Timothy to discipline himself for this purpose. (1 Tim. 4:7)
6. Accusations against elders require 2 or 3 _____. (1 Tim. 5:19)
7. Myths and genealogies give rise to this. (1 Tim. 1:4)