

January 23, 2011  
"That They Might Have LIFE"  
John 10:10

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I. The Thief, and his work, to steal, and to kill, and to destroy –

1. This "thief" is Satan, stealing and killing were his work from the beginning –

"You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. (John 8:44 NKJ)

A. He brought death into our world through his lies to Eve -

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"<sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;<sup>3</sup> "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"<sup>4</sup> Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die."<sup>5</sup> "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."<sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. (Genesis 3:1-6 NKJ)

B. This DEATH quickly spread –

Genesis 4, tells us of Cain murdering Abel / Genesis 5 repeats again and again "and he died"

C. Notice at the end of Genesis 4 the distorted boasting / thinking of Lamech (Cain's great, great grandson) about MURDER –

Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me."<sup>24</sup> If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold." (Genesis 4:23-24 NKJ)

2. We see this MURDER continue throughout the pages of Scripture

- Exodus 1:22 Hebrew baby boys thrown into the river.
- Haman's plot to destroy / exterminate all the Jewish people – Esther 3:6
- Child sacrifice – Jeremiah 7:31
- Herod's murder of boys two years old and younger – Matthew 2:16, according to Revelation 12:3-4 this was the Dragon's / Satan's attempt on Christ's life –

3. Abortion in America today is the result of SATANIC LIES –

A. The lie of EVOLUTION undermines the fact that we are created in God's Image and therefore human life is sacred –

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (Genesis 1:26 NKJ)

If we are evolved from ape like creatures, we are not created in God's image and therefore not special!

B. The lie of man-made global warming due to human population and advancement is claimed to be destroying the planet, with this distorted logic --- abortion helps the planet. This is opposite of what God says -

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Genesis 1:28 NKJ)

C. There are a whole slew of lies connected directly to ABORTION -

Lie #1 – Pro-choice that's a lie, babies don't choose to die!

Lie #2 – It's not a baby

Lie #3 – Abortion is a political issue, which pastors or churches should not discuss or be involved with!

Lie #4 – Lies connected to Roe v. Wade

Lie #5 – Lies connected to Doe v. Bolton

Lie #6 – The new health care law will not allow federal funding of abortion, that is a lie!

Lie #7 – *The Quality of Life vs. The Sanctity of Life LIE!*

Lie #8 – *Abortion somehow helps women or families ...*

## II. *Jesus, He is ALL about LIFE! –*

**I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. (John 10:10 NKJ)**

### 1. *Eternal Life –*

**"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (John 3:16 NKJ)**

**"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. (John 17:3 NKJ)**

A. *This is eternal in duration –*

B. *This is eternal in quality –*

**You will show me the path of life; In Your presence *is* fullness of joy; At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore. (Psalm 16:11 NKJ)**

### 2. *This is LIFE we can and should ENJOY –*

A. *A joy for all situations, for NOW as well as Heaven –*

**that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,<sup>8</sup> whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, (1 Peter 1:7-8 NKJ)**

B. *A JOY and LIFE that is real –*

*The commercial says "Coke adds life" REALLY?*

**Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty *man* glory in his might, Nor let the rich *man* glory in his riches;<sup>24</sup> But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I *am* the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD. (Jeremiah 9:23-24 NKJ)**

### III. *This LIFE we have in Christ should influence others, our families, our communities, our culture –*

#### 1. *Even the slightest true touch of Christ brought HEALING –*

**And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.<sup>21</sup> For she said to herself, "If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."<sup>22</sup> But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that hour. (Matthew 9:20-22 NKJ)**

2. *Bringing Christ to our family, friends and community is automatically PRO-LIFE!*

A. *You cannot be for abortion and a knowledgeable Christian ---*

*This is Christ's opinion on the subject –*

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*Notice there is not a lot of GRAY area in this verse:*

*The thief, the Devil, Satan is all about stealing, killing, and destroying!*

*Jesus, opposite the Devil, is for LIFE! Eternal Life! Abundant Life! Even the sanctity of LIFE!*

*Knowing Jesus Christ will change a person from the inside out and if he or she thought abortion was okay BEFORE CHRIST --- truly KNOWING CHRIST ultimately means being PRO-LIFE!*

*Being pro-abortion or pro-choice, however a person may call it; is ultimately the same as being PRO-SATAN! Pro-Devil! Pro-Death!*

*A Christian nation cannot stay a "Christian" nation while allowing abortion. The more abortion becomes legal, the more true Christianity will become illegal! Pushing the Bible and prayer out of schools and government, brought abortion in! The MORE ABORTION is in the more Christianity will be pushed OUT!*