INTRODUCTION

- A. CATEGORY 5 HURRICANE (Eph.4:11-16; 6:10-20)
- **B. CHRISTIAN ETHICS ARE ROOTED IN CREATION** (Mt.19:4,8; see Ex.20:1-17 & Gen.1,2; Rom.1:20f; Eph.4:24; Col.3:10; i.e., *self-evident truths*)
- C. ONE TRUE CREATOR / MANY FALSE DEITIES (*idolatry*; Gen.1:1f; Rom.1:18-23,25; see Ex.20:3-11)
- **D. ONE TRUE CREATOR / MANY FALSE HUMANITIES** (*immorality*; Gen.1:26f; Rom.1:18f,24,26f; <u>v.29</u>; see Ex.20:13,12-17; e.g., murder: homicide, fratricide, suicide; infanticide, feticide)
- **E. RETURN TRUE CREATOR, RESTORED TRUE HUMANITY** (*worship&life(life!*); 2C5:17; Eph.4:24; Col.3:10)

LESSONS FOR FAITH

- I. <u>LIFE IN ITS FOURFOLD STATE</u> (see 1/13/19 sermon, Jesus Saves Sex: Human Sexuality in Its Fourfold State)
 - A. CREATION: SANCTITY OF LIFE (Gen.1:26; 9:6; Jms.3:9; *image* /2C.4:4(Hb.1:3; Jn.8:12; Mt.5:14); Col.1:15)
 - **B. FALL: MURDER** (Ps.94:6; see Jn.8:44; Gn.4:8, 23; Jdg.20:4; 2S.13:28; 1K.2:5; 21:19; 2Chr.24:22; Acts 2:23; 12:2)
 - C. REDEMPTION: NEW LIFE (Jn.6:35; 10:10; Rom.6:4; 1Cor.15:45; 2Cor.5:15; Eph.4:24; Col.3:10)
 - D. GLORY: ETERNAL LIFE (Jn.3:16; Rom.5:21; 6:22,23; Gal.6:8; see 1Jn.3:15; Acts 2:23&37)

II. ABORTION ARGUMENTS & ANSWERS

- A. PAST: NON-HUMAN BEING (until "quickening", etc.; clump of cells) 1. after their kind (Gen.1:11f; 25,26; 6:19,20)
 - 2. kind at conception (Ps.51:5 (Jms.1:15); 139:13; see Lk.1:35; 41,44; 2:12 /embryology; ultrasounds; abortions!)
- **B. PRESENT: HUMAN BEING, NON-PERSON** (*until self-awareness, -determination; autonomy; eg, birth to 12*)
 - 1. spirit + body = soul, person (Gen.2:7; see 1Th.5:23; see Ps.51:5)
 - 2. personal pronouns; words (Ps.51:5; 139:13f; see Lk.1:41,44)
 - 3. legal protection (Ex.21:22-25; see Ps.27:10)
 - 4. history: racial slavery, holocaust (non-persons; rights assigned/not by men vs. endowed by God)

C. FUTURE: HUMAN PERSON, NON-WANTED

- 1. willful evasions to deny what is self-evident (Rom.1:19f; see Decl. of Indep., "created equal... rights")
- 2. suppress the truth in unrighteousness (Rom.1:18)
- 3. post-Christian, pagan (Greco-Roman) sexuality with contempt men/women and all/children
- 4. the will of God (freedom) or the will of man (tyranny); see Jn.8:34f; Mk.7:1f; Col.2:8,16f

III. JESUS SAVES CHILDREN! (see Mt.28:18-20)

- A. WIDOW OF NAIN'S SON (Lk.7:11f; contra Ps.94:6)
- B. JAIRUS'S DAUGHTER (Lk.8:41; see Mk.5:22; Mt.9:18f)
- C. EPILEPTIC BOY (Lk.9:37f; see Mk.9:24,17f; Mt.17:14f)
- D. KINGDOM'S IMMIGRANTS (Lk.18:15f; see Mk.10:13f(9:33,37); Mt.19:13f)
- **E. PERSONAL CONNECTION** (Lk.7:14; 8:54; Mk.9:27,36; 10:16; see Is.40:11)

IV. BECAUSE CHILDREN ARE UNIQUELY PRECIOUS

- A. MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD (Gen.1:26 w/11f; 6:19f; Ps.139:13)
- B. THE EXPRESSION OF ONE FLESH (Gen.1:24; 4:1f; yet see 1Cor.7:26)

C. DAVID'S SON BY ADULTERY (2Sam.12:1f,14f)

D. CHILDREN IN THE PSALMS (e.g., Ps.22:9; 51:5; 27:10; 71:6; 78:5f; 127:1f; 128:1f; 139:13f)

E. JESUS HIMSELF (Mt.1:18f; Lk.2:6f; Mt.2:16f; Lk.2:42f)

APPLICATIONS FOR LIFE

- A. TREASURE HUMAN BEINGS AT EVERY STAGE AND IN EVERY CONDITION! (Gen.1:26; 9:6; Ex.20:13; Ps.139:13f; preborn, newborn, youth, adult, aged / widow, orphan, immigrant / unemployed, hungry, homeless, imprisoned / disabled, sick (mind, heart, body); see Is.58:7; Mt.25:34f).
- **B. CONFESS THAT WE ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT!** (Rom.3:23; see Mt.5:21f; 15:19; Rom.1:18f,29; Jms.3:9; 1Jn.3:15)
- **C. TURN TO CHRIST FOR FORGIVENESS OF YOUR MURDERS!** (1Jn.1:9; Mk.9:50,43f; Acts 2:23,37f; *incl. abortion*)
- **D. TURN TO CHRIST FOR POWER TO GIVE LIFE!** (Gen.45:5; Prov.24:11,12; Ezk.13:22; *evangelism, discipleship*; Jn.3:16; Acts 26:18; Rom.6:23; 2Cor.5:21; Jms.5:20; A above)
- **E. SAVE CHILDREN IN JESUS' NAME!** (Prov.31:8f; *incl. birth, raising; foster, adoption; education*; A above; see Ps.139:13f,19f; *imprecations*)