



2018 SANCTITY OF LIFE MESSAGE

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I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So, choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,²⁰ by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

- Deuteronomy 30:19–20, NASB95



BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR EVERY BELIEVER

1. The Principle of Service.

Mark 8:34, NASB95 -³⁴ *And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself...*

Mark 8:34, NLT -³⁴ *Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way....”*

2. The Principle of Sacrifice.

Mark 8:34–35, NIV84 -³⁴ *Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.³⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.*

Mark 8:34–35, TLB -³⁴ *Then he called his disciples and the crowds to come over and listen. “If any of you wants to be my follower,” he told them, “you must put aside your own pleasures and shoulder your cross, and follow me closely.³⁵ If you insist on saving your life, you will lose it. Only those who throw away their lives for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.*

The phrase “take up your cross” means you put to death anything in your life that keeps Christ from being ‘first place’.

3. The Principle of the Soul.

Mark 8:36–37, NASB95 -³⁶ *“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?³⁷ “For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”*

All the wealth and power one might gain is not worth the price of one’s soul.

WHY IS THE HUMAN SOUL SO VALUABLE?

- Because of the Lord’s interest in it 2 Pet. 3:9
 - Because of Satan’s interest in it Gen. 3:4-6
 - Because of its eternal nature Lk. 16:22-23
 - Because of the price paid for it 1 Pet. 1:18-19
- We can see the true value of our souls by noting how much Jesus was willing to pay for the souls of His people. -RC Sproul

4. The Principle of Shame.

Mark 8:38, ESV -³⁸ *For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”*

5. The Principle of the Second Coming.

Mark 8:38, NASB95 -³⁸ *...when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”*

- The Sureness of the Coming - “...when He comes”
- The Splendor of the Coming - “...in the glory of His Father...”
- The Seraphims of the Coming - “...with the holy angels.”

Life Application Section

- Sign up for a Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC) Connection Team.
- Sign up to help with our Children/Preschool and Youth Ministries.
- Move from a ‘consumer’ mindset to a ‘missional’ mindset.