

We Don't Talk About... Life & Death

*Each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment.
(Hebrews 9:27, New Living Translation)*

Why is human life sacred?

*Then God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us." . . . So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
(Genesis 1:26–27, NLT)*

- We were made in God's own image.

*But the LORD God warned him, 'You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.'
(Genesis 2:16–17, NLT)*

*If anyone takes a human life, that person's life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings in his own image.
(Genesis 9:6, NLT)*

When does human life begin?

*You [God] made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.
(Psalm 139:13–14, NLT)*

- Human life begins in the womb.

*Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy.
(Luke 1:43–44, NLT)*

*Suppose two men are fighting, and in the process they accidentally strike a pregnant woman so she gives birth prematurely. . . . if there is further injury, the punishment must match the injury: a life for a life.
(Exodus 21:22–23, NLT)*

What about suicide?

*Jesus did this once for all when he offered himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins.
(Hebrews 7:27, NLT)*

*My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
(Galatians 2:20, NLT)*

*We were crushed and overwhelmed beyond our ability to endure, and we thought we would never live through it. In fact, we expected to die." "But as a result, we stopped relying on ourselves and learned to rely only on God, who raises the dead. . . . We have placed our confidence in him, and he will continue to rescue us.
(2 Corinthians 1:8–10, NLT)*

- When you feel like giving up, place your trust in God.

What about life after death?

*Why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? . . . If our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world." "But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.
(1 Corinthians 15:12, 19–20, NLT)*

- Death is not the end!

*And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. . . . For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. So encourage each other with these words.
(1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, NLT)*