

A close-up, black and white photograph of a hand holding a baby's foot. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with fingers gently gripping the foot. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the skin and the contours of the hand and foot. The background is dark, making the hand and foot stand out.

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● things God has been dealing with us on

Today - Difficult Topic

Asking You:

- Be Open to God Speaking today
- Keep Your Eyes on Hope and Healing

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1. Biblical Truth

- starting point - what does the bible say?

a. God Created Human Life

“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image in the image of

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God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth. “

Gen. 1:26-28

- made in image and likeness of God
- given dominion over creation
- have a spiritual nature other creation does not have

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b. Age/Size/Maturity does not define personhood

- known by God in womb

“If I have rejected the cause of my manservant or my maidservant, when they brought a complaint against me what then shall I do when God rises up? When he makes inquiry, what shall I answer him?¹⁵ Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?” Job 31:13-15

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“For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.” Psalm 139:13-16

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- human dna and nature present at conception.
 - 46 chromosomes at conception that are distinct from parents
- ***“The wicked are estranged from the womb; they go astray from birth, speaking lies.” Psalm 58:3***

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c. Imperatives to God's Children

- protect and defend the defenseless

“Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.” Psalm 82:3-4

- others 1st is the example and command

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” Phil. 2:3-4

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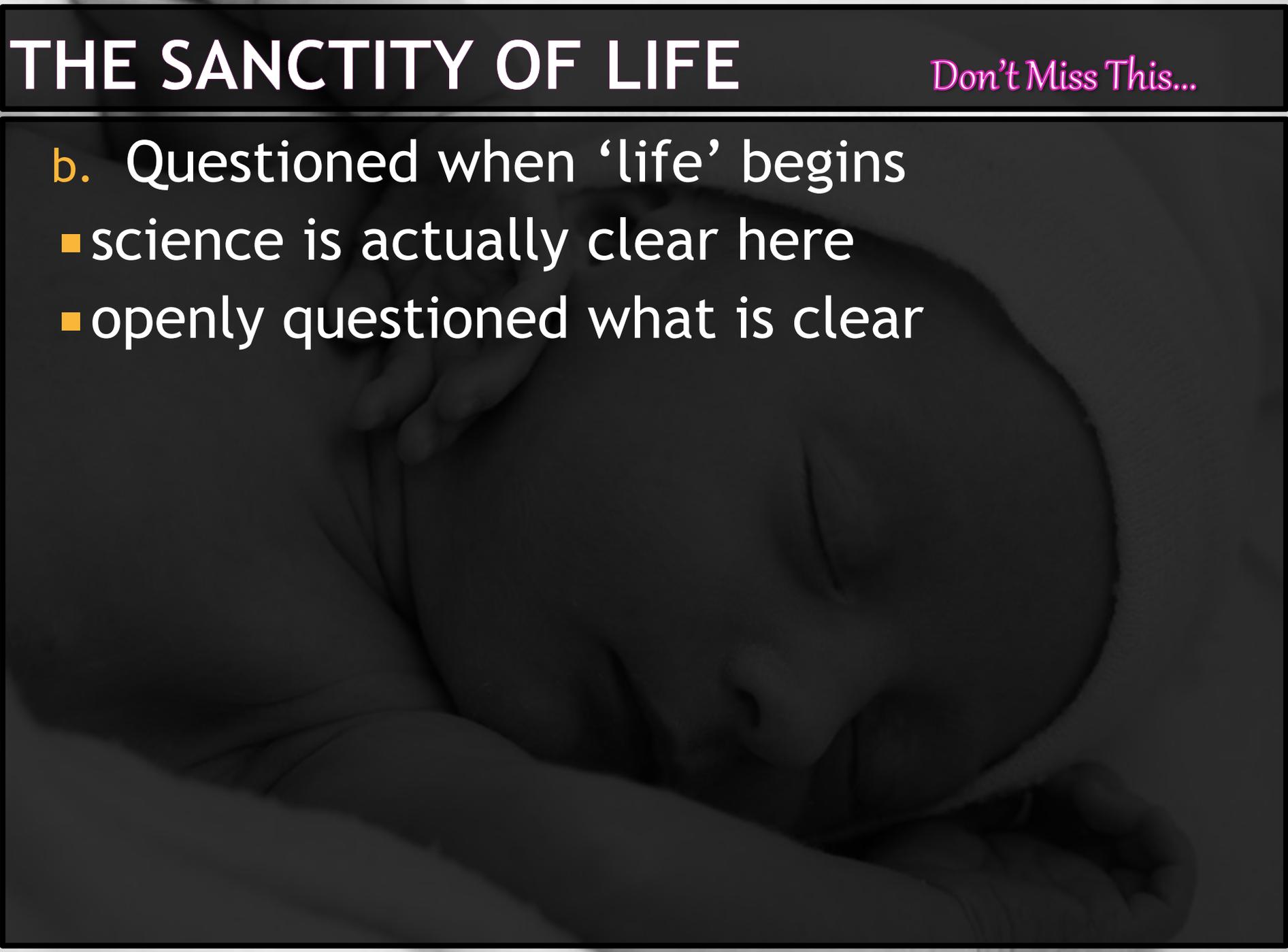
2. Current Cultural Reality

- a. embraced a 'right to choose'
 - value on the mother, ability to make decisions and choices, placed above life of child
 - chosen language that evokes division between personhood and matter
 - valued freedom and tolerance above truth
 - ensuring availability to any who desire
 - erasing the rules and limitations

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- b. Questioned when 'life' begins
 - science is actually clear here
 - openly questioned what is clear



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“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

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21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

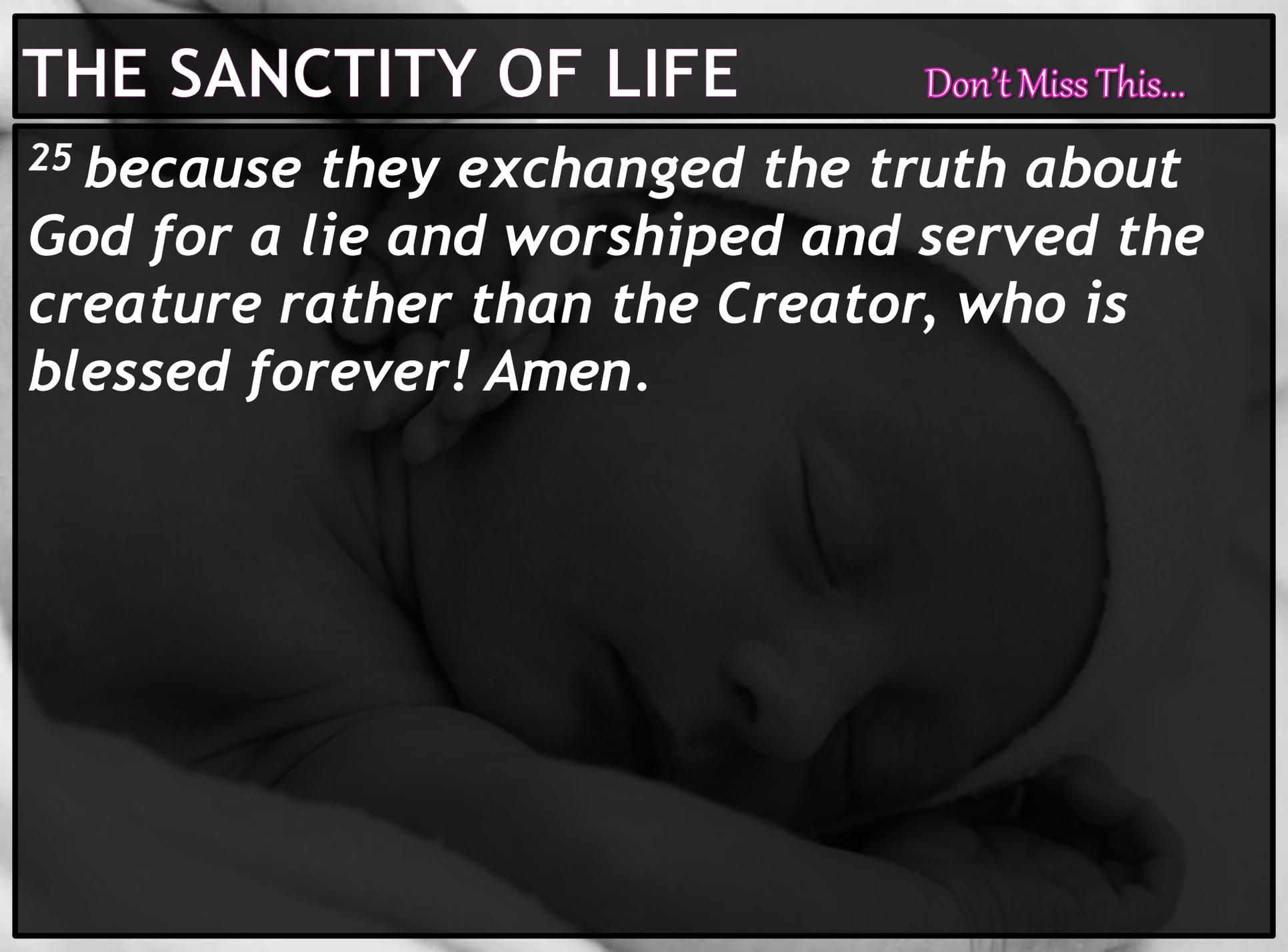
23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

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²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.



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28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

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3. Christian Response

b. To Those Touched By This

■ Great News about God's Love

- Psalm 106 - God faithful in his covenant
- David - God's restoration and renewal
- Peter - Deserting Jesus, Denying - see Jesus making him breakfast
- John 4 - Jesus and Woman at the Well
- Words of Jesus in Matt. 9:11-13

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“And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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- 'all have sinned and fall short'
- 1 John 1:9 - forgive and cleanse us....
- b. to those who have sat in Judgment
 - Matt 5:21ff - God knows the heart, and in itself is enough to make us stand condemned
 - need to repent of unloving behavior, words and actions
 - need to provide road to Christ - healing and hope

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c. Command to the Christians

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

⁷ Therefore do not become partners with them; ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead

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expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, “ Eph.5:8ff

- important to bring into the light

”Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” 2 Cor.1:3-5

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SO WHAT?

1. Get Educated

- gather facts, understand arguments and methods, speak intelligently about it

2. Operate In Love

- offer Christ, hope and restoration

3. Get Engaged

- Politically
- Funding the Right Things
- saying 'yes' when God asks

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