



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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TRUTHS THAT GROUND, BLESSINGS THAT LIFT

Occasionally, I have to sit down and take stock, remembering truths that ground me and blessings that lift me.

1. God is in control and guides all things toward the end that He desires. No one can block His will.
2. In Christ are all spiritual blessings, and I'm in Christ. I can tell you how to enter as well.
3. Through the Spirit, God is near, so very near, that He abides in me.
4. In Scripture, God speaks clearly and leaves no doubt about what He is doing or what I need to do.
5. The body of Christ is where I grow and find ways to serve.
6. Life is a struggle, life in Christ is victory, and passing into eternity to be with Him is the crowning achievement.
7. Gratitude to God changes the grumbling spirit into a joyous heart. Let thanksgiving flow often from the tongue.
8. God gives me all I need to order to do everything He desires, including time, strength, and resources.
9. Beside this man stands a godly woman who deserves honor, praise, and glory for her dedication, faith and loyalty.
10. God uses small things to accomplish great objectives, humble people to glorify Himself, and hidden moments to proclaim His great acts.
11. God gives a purpose to cover every action, a strength for every challenge, and a solace for every tear.
12. God loves freely. Life can be an exercise in imitating that love.

Randal Matheny

IN OPPOSITION TO ABORTION

Christians have always stood opposed to abortion. Abortion was common in the Roman Empire in which Christianity was born. Though there is no explicit New Testament reference to it, abortion was clearly condemned in the Christian literature immediately following the New Testament. For instance, in about AD 100 the Didache instructed, “And now the second commandment of the teaching. Do not murder...do not engage in pederasty...do not use enchanted potions, do not abort a fetus or kill a child that is born” (2:1-2). A law was passed in AD 374 that outlawed infanticide, child abandonment and abortion in the Roman Empire. Christians were very influential in the passing of that law.

The Bible doesn't allow Christians to be silent on this issue. Solomon said, *“Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, ‘But we knew nothing about this,’ does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?”* (**Proverbs 24:11-12**).

When discussing this topic with a non-Christian, they won't accept arguments from Scripture condemning abortion. Arguments will have to be made from reason. That fetuses are not qualitatively different from children who have been born is clear from the acronym SLED. The difference between the two is:

S-ize: fetuses are smaller than children who have been born, but that doesn't make them less human. Hillary Clinton is smaller than Barak Obama, but she's not less human.

L-level of Development: fetuses are less developed than children who have been born, but that doesn't make them less human. A one-month-old baby is less developed than a teenager, but it isn't less human.

E-nvironment: fetuses are in utero until birth. However, environment doesn't determine one's humanity. Are astronauts less human while walking on the moon than they are while walking on the earth?

D-egree of Dependence; fetuses are more dependent upon their mothers than children who have been born, but that doesn't make them less human. A diabetic is dependent upon those who manufacture their insulin, but their dependence doesn't make them less human than a non-diabetic person.

Mike Hisaw