

SERIES: THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

#6 – CHOOSE LIFE

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A DIVINE REMINDER

EXODUS 20:2, NLT

“I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.”

COMMANDMENT 6

EXODUS 20:13

“You must not murder.”

What this command is really saying...

- This command addresses the _____ taking of another human life
- No one has the right to _____ take another life
- God’s people are called to _____ life
- This command is about _____ and _____ life

“Unless God is in our context, how do we begin to understand the sublime gift of life? When God is incidental in the thoughts of society, life itself becomes incidental, because its sacredness is in question... The sixth commandment may be in greater peril in our time than in most periods of human history, and for that reason, it is more desperately needed.” J. ELLSWORTH KALAS

This 6th Commandment is intended to:

- (1) Protect me from the loss of my _____
- (2) Protect me from the loss of my _____

Who is my neighbor?

“One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: ‘Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?’ Jesus replied, ‘What does the law of Moses say?

How do you read it?’ The man answered, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’” And, “‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” ‘Right!’ Jesus told him. ‘Do this and you will live!’ The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” LUKE 10:25-29

We all want to know...

→ Who is my neighbor?

The answer...

→ _____!

- (1) All human life is _____

“Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born.” PSALM 139:14-16

- (2) We are _____ of God

“So God created human beings^[e] in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” GENESIS 1:26-27

- (3) We have the very _____ of God is in us

“He breathed the breath of life into the man’s nostrils, and the man became a living person.” GENESIS 2:7

- (4) There’s _____ to this command than meets the eye

“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell.” MATTHEW 5:21-22 (see also 1 JOHN 3:15)