

BOOTS-ON-THE-GROUND CHRISTIANITY Part 4 Notes

Let's Review!

- Knowledge builds b_____
- Beliefs build w_____
- Worldviews build ethical s_____
- All ethical systems fail to achieve true m_____
- We are dead to the Law and Alive in C_____
- We must abide in Christ and walk by the spirit to bear f_____
- Practically, we must submit to the Holy Spirit and the Spirit-breathed word to live out true m_____

TIME TO APPLY OUR ETHICS TO BOOTS-ON-THE-GROUND ISSUES!

Homosexuality:

- God ordains heterosexuality and celebrates g_____ (Gen 1:27-28, 2:24, 1 Cor 6:15-17, Heb 13:4)
- Homosexual sin is c_____ in multiple places throughout scripture (Gen 9:22, Judges 19:22, Gen 19, Lev 18:22-23, 20:13, 1 Kings 14:24, Romans 1:18-29)
- There is a clear "due p_____ for their error" in the case of STDs (Romans 1)

Transgenderism:

- God m_____ us male and female (Gen 1:27)
- and Jesus confirms this to be t_____ (Matt 19:4)
- The Old Testament has laws that prohibit "blurring the lines" between the g_____ (Deuteronomy 22:5)
- Paul in the New Testament suggests that we are temples of the Holy Spirit, so we should not be degrading, harming or purposefully c_____ our bodies (1 Cor 6:19-20)

Here's the hard part for Christians...

This is a black and white issue, BUT where morality mostly comes in for believers is not how we define good and evil, but how we believers r_____ to broken people. We can easily fall into sin by how we treat Homosexuals and Transgender individuals.

Abortion: 3 Main Positions

- The Fetus is f_____ human
- The Fetus is p_____ human
- The Fetus is s_____

Fetus is Subhuman Position: Abortion permissible at any time:

- Abortion is allowed at any time for the q_____ of life for the mother. The mother's privacy has priority over the right to life for the fetus.
- Possible worldviews/ethics behind this? _____

Biblical Arguments FOR this position and Rebuttals.

- Verses connecting b_____ and human life. Since a fetus does not breathe, it therefore is not considered to be fully human. (Gen 2:7, Job 34:14-15)
- REBUTTAL: Infants still breathe through their m_____. Are people on oxygen or artificial breathing machines subhuman? People retain their souls after death (Rev 6:9)
- Verses correlating being b_____ and being alive. (Ecc 6:3-5, Matt 26:24)
- REBUTTAL: These verses are idioms, they do not make a scientific c_____. Not being Cognicent is not a consistent metric for human life,

Non-biblical arguments for the subhuman position:

Fetuses are not self-a_____. REBUTTAL: born babies and many children and handicapped individuals are not self-aware. This cannot determine the value of human life.

Fetuses are not physically i_____. REBUTTAL: Even after birth, a baby will die without outside support for a number of years. Should we also not medically prevent people from dying in hospitals? Does that make them less than human?

What if the fetus endangers the m_____? Rebuttal: the vast majority of cases are cases of convenience. There are legal protections for situations of actual endangerment. This is not a reasonable argument for the pro-abortion position.

The mother has the autonomous r_____ of her body. REBUTTAL: do we have "autonomous" rights to kill someone? If the only human present is the mother, you might make this argument, but if another unique set of human DNA is present, this argument falls flat.

What about cases of rape, abuse and n_____? REBUTTAL: These are horrible acts., but two wrongs do not make a right. If there is life in the womb, that life is precious. Healing will not come from an abortion. Giving up a child for adoption will give the life a fighting chance! There are plenty of examples of successful pregnancies and happy mothers even after such horrific circumstances.

Argument for the right to p_____ (state/federal law). REBUTTAL: The law of the land does not determine morality. A society can abandon God's law and therefore be acting immorally.

Argument concerning consent to sex is not consent to p_____. REBUTTAL: This is silly! Even if you were an Evolutionary Atheist, this argument falls flat. Sex is desirable for the purpose of producing offspring. If sex was not enjoyable, there would be less humans in the world. Birth control drugs prove the point.

Argument for the inability to know when human life be_____. REBUTTAL: At the moment of conception, an embryo has a unique DNA sequence indicating that this "clump of

cells" is its own person.

Argument for the fourteenth A_____ (right to privacy and liberty). REBUTTAL: Liberty does not mean absolute liberty to do heinous crime like killing a child. Liberty is no longer liberty when it steals the liberty of another life.

Argument that s_____ determines when a person's life begins. REBUTTAL: What if society determined that life begins at conception, would you change your tune on this? This is actually anti-scientific.

Fetus is potentially a human position: Abortion is sometimes permissible.

- As a fetus develops from conception, it becomes more "fully human" as it goes. Therefore abortion is only permissible up to a certain p_____ during a pregnancy.
- Biblical argument - Exodus 21:22-23 (Read together)
- REBUTTAL: this position assumes the text reads miscarriage, when the text says nothing of the sort. This could as easily read as premature-live birth. On further inspection, this passage is actually very Pro-life!

Non-biblical arguments for this position:

Human personality develops only g_____. REBUTTAL: Personality and personhood are not the same thing. Even babies and other non-functioning children and adults do not have fully formed "personalities" this is an empty argument.

Human development is interconnected with physical d_____. REBUTTAL: A male prefrontal cortex is not fully developed until the age of 26. Does that mean that children and young adults are not fully human? This would justify pedicide and infanticide!

THE PRO-LIFE POSITION: Abortion is always impermissible

Scriptural Arguments for the pro-life position:

- **U_____ are called "children"** (Exodus 21:22; Luke 1:41, 44, 2:12, 16)
- **The u_____ are formed by God in a similar fashion to Adam and Eve** (Psalm 139:13, Genesis 1:27, 2:7)
- **The life of the unborn is p_____ by the same punishment for any other human life** (Exodus 21:22-24, Genesis 9:6)
- **Christ was human from the point that he was c_____** (Matt 1:20-21; Luke 1:26-27)
- **Image of God includes male and female** (Gen 1:27) which is scientifically determined at c_____.
- **The unborn share the burden of sin, indicating p_____** (Psalm 51:5)
- **Personal pronouns used to describe the u_____** (Jer 1:5, Matt 1:20-21)
- **The u_____ are known intimately and personally by God** (Psalm 139:15-16, Jer 1:5)

- The u_____ are called by God before birth (Gen 25:22-23; Judges 13:2-7; Isaiah 49:1, 5, Galatians 1:15)

The Non-biblical arguments for life:

- It is a genetic fact that a fertilized human ovum is 100 percent human with all genetic material p_____.
- Babies need medical t_____ in utero just like any other human life.
- All a_____ used to disqualify the humanity of a fetus could be used to justify infanticide or euthanasia.
- Abortion has been declared wrong throughout history by many societies even as far back as the code of H_____ (1800 BC)
- Discrimination against anyone's life based on circumstantial matters is morally w_____.
- Life is economically v_____

Infanticide, Euthanasia and Suicide:

- All arguments for and against a_____ carry-over to the discussion of infanticide.
- P_____ infanticide is still murder, since a baby dies a preventable death under the purposeful decisions of a parent.
- What about Suicide and Euthanasia? The bible is clear, life and death is to be determined by the L_____. Suicide and Euthanasia are acts of rebellion against God's design for the human e_____. (Genesis 9:6, Exodus 20:31, Deut 32:30, Job 1:21, 12:10, Ecclesiastes 8:8) Every example of suicide in the Bible is descriptive or negative.

If we have time.... Turn the page.

Egalitarianism vs. Complementarianism, Historical Considerations and Practical Advice

VERSES IN SUPPORT OF EGALITARIANISM:

Galatians 3:28 “²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is ^[a]neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Romans 16:1-2, “ I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea; ² that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the ^[b]saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, ^[c]and of myself as well.”

Acts 2:17-18, “AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,’ God says, ‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL ^[a]MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS; EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.”

Romans 16:7, “⁷ Greet Andronicus and ^[a]Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also ^[b]were in Christ before me.”

Acts 18:26, “²⁶ and ^[a]he (Apollos) began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.”

VERSES IN SUPPORT OF EGALITARIANISM:

1 Timothy 2:11-15, “¹¹ A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.¹² But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. ¹³ For it was Adam who was first ^[a]created, and then Eve. ¹⁴ And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being deceived, ^[b]fell into transgression.” But women will be ^[a]preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with ^[b]self-restraint.

1 Timothy 3:1-2, “It is a trustworthy statement: if any man aspires to the office of ^[a]overseer, it is a fine work he desires to do. ² ^[b]An overseer, then, must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, prudent, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,”

1 Corinthians 14:33-35, “³³ for God is not a God of confusion but of ^[a]peace, as in all the churches of the saints. ³⁴ The women are to keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but are to subject themselves, just as the Law also says. ³⁵ If they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is ^[b]improper for a woman to speak in church.”

PHYSIOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN:

A USEFUL METRIC FOUND IN AN ARTICLE BY DESIRINGGOD.ORG

“Where Can Women Teach?” by Mary A Kassian

1. **Context:** congregational (church) → non-congregational. Is this the local church, or is it not exactly church?
2. **Nature:** exegetical → testimonial/inspirational. Am I forcefully interpreting a text of Scripture or sharing from my life and experience with biblical support?
3. **Authority:** governmental (directive) → nongovernmental (nondirective). Am I establishing the official standard for the community?
4. **Relationship:** close (personal/relational) → distant (impersonal/non-relational). Am I in a community relationship with these men? Am I seeking to mentor them?
5. **Commitment:** formal → informal. Have the listeners made a formal commitment to me or to this community?
6. **Obligation:** obligatory → voluntary. Are the listeners obliged to listen to the teaching that takes place in this context? Can they be disciplined and corrected for failing to obey?
7. **Constancy:** habitual (ongoing) → occasional. Does this happen often and repetitively or infrequently?
8. **Maturity:** sister → mother. Does my age and spiritual maturity create a situation where I am speaking as a mother would to her sons?

END OUR DISCUSSION WITH THIS VERSE:

²⁵ Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Matthew 20:25-28
