

“Thou Shalt Not Kill”

Topic – “Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbor” (part 2)

Text – Exodus 20:13

Series – “The Commandments of the Lord”

I. The _____: Human life is sacred and a God-given gift.

- A. God created man in His _____. (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:7)
- B. God _____ life and He alone has the sovereign right to _____ life. (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:7-8)
 - 1. Government has the responsibility to exercise _____ and take the life of a _____. (Romans 13:3a, 4)
 - 2. _____ and _____ human life is the essence of loving one's neighbor. (Romans 13:9-10)

II. The _____: “Thou shalt not kill.” (Exodus 20:13)

- A. Principle: A Life for a Life...A Death for a Death.
 - 1. The moral basis for _____ (Genesis 9:5-6; Exodus 21:28-29)
 - 2. An exception: _____ (Exodus 21:12-14; Numbers 35:13; Deut. 19:11-12)
- B. Personal aspect of murder
 - 1. _____ is the moral equivalent of murder. (1 John 3:15)
 - 2. _____ precedes murder.
 - 3. _____ harbored in the heart is murder in the _____. (1 John 2:9; Matthew 5:21-22)

III. The _____: Taking innocent life invites God's judgment.

- A. The blood of a murdered man cries out for _____.
 - 1. Abel's blood cried for vengeance. (Genesis 4:10)
 - 2. David was haunted by Uriah's blood. (Psalm 51:3-4)
- B. The blood of a murdered man _____ the ground [*land; nation*]. (Num. 35:33)

_____ life is a sacred duty.