

## Biblical Answers to Contemporary Issues

### #4 Euthanasia - Psalm 8 (1/25/09 AM)

#### 1. Definition of the Terms

##### *There Is No Universally Agreed Definition of Euthanasia*

The word comes from two Greek words meaning good death.

- \_\_\_\_\_ **euthanasia**

This is the withholding of life sustaining treatments in order to not prolong dying.

##### **Is the Goal to Prevent and Treat Suffering Or Is It to Hasten \_\_\_\_\_?**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **euthanasia**

This occurs when a physician kills a person with an act such as a lethal injection.

The active intentional killing of a patient has always been held to be murder in American criminal law.

##### **The Debate Today Is Primarily About the Legalization of \_\_\_\_\_ Euthanasia**

- **Physician-assisted** \_\_\_\_\_

This occurs when a physician intentionally assists a patient to commit suicide by providing the means, advice or encouragement. In American criminal law this has always been illegal until now.

##### **Physician-assisted Suicide is now \_\_\_\_\_ Within the United States of America**

#### 2. Dangerous Consequences

- **The evidence from** \_\_\_\_\_

53 year old Randy Stoup of Dexter, Oregon requested help for chemotherapy treatments. The state sent him a letter denying help with the cost of his treatments but they would pay for the cost of physician-assisted suicide.

##### **This Is Blatant** \_\_\_\_\_

- **The evidence from** \_\_\_\_\_

Holland was the first country in modern times to legalize active euthanasia. Involuntary active euthanasia is now being practiced in Holland.

##### **Euthanasia Is not Death with Dignity, It Is the Ultimate** \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Devaluing of Human Life

##### *Death with Dignity has Replaced Life with Sanctity*

- **The theory of evolution has undermined the foundation for**

\_\_\_\_\_ Romans 1:21-25, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie Harvesting stems cells from human embryos destroys a human life.

##### **Our Culture Continues to Choose Death over**

#### 4. The Biblical Answer to Euthanasia

##### *Human Life Is the Unique Creation of God*

Psalm 8:4-5, "What is man that You are mindful of him"

David is thinking back to creation, Genesis 1:27.

• **Human beings are linked in \_\_\_\_\_  
to God**

Human life is sacred because we are created in the image of God. That quality separates us from all other creatures. Only man received the breath of God, Genesis 2:7.

**Man Is the Only \_\_\_\_\_ Being of God's Creatures**

• **God \_\_\_\_\_ human life above all other life**

Genesis 9:6, "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man."

Schaeffer, "If man is not made in the image of God, nothing stands in the way of inhumanity."

Capital punishment is decreed by God because murder is a crime against Him in whose image man is made. Active euthanasia is murder in the eyes of God.

**Our Society Now Seeks To Protect the Guilty  
and Destroy the \_\_\_\_\_**

5. The Christian's Alternative to Euthanasia

*God's Way Is Always Best*

• **God at times grants \_\_\_\_\_**

God heals today in answer to prayer according to His will.

James 5:16-17, "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed."

• **God at times allows \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Peter 4:12-13, "Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice...."

**It Is All About His Name and His \_\_\_\_\_**