

# Glad Tidings

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## Your Life Matters

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It seems that various groups of people want to matter these days. Black lives matter; blue lives matter; and homosexual lives matter. Anecdotes of injustice, acts of murder, and feelings of not being accepted in society are fomenting in collective hearts seeking an audience. If not willingly, then by force society must see “our plight”. By violent action or forced legislation, society must deal now with “our difficult circumstances”.

What should be the thoughts of a Christian amidst the loud noise of “who matters”?

First, unborn lives matter. Living humans develop nine months in their mothers’ wombs. God’s secret work of knitting together the inward and outer man in the protective womb should cause us to “*know right well*” with David that we are “*fearfully and wonderfully made*” (*Psalms 139:14*). Inside and out, the body should create wonder in our hearts. Seeing the handiwork of God in the womb, we should have reverential fear for the Creator.

Thinking with Paul, every other person’s life matters. This does not mean the Christian does not think seriously and continuously about one’s own life, but he or she is willing to put the needs

of others before themselves. This humility is manifested by “*...not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others*” (*Philippians 2:4*). Thinking with Christ, we are willing to give of ourselves to help secure the well-being of others (*Philippians 2:5-8, I John 3:16-17*).

The Christian also thinks in terms of personal responsibility. Regardless of ethnicity or occupation, each person’s life matters. Each person will face God in judgment over what he or she has done in their own body (*2 Corinthians 5:10*), regardless of skin color, gender or occupation.

The Christian also thinks in terms of “innocent life”. It is wrong to take innocent life. To take the life of a human being, who did no wrong to you, is a personal matter with God and a deed worthy of death. It is personal, for all human beings are created “*in the image of God*” (*Genesis 2:8*). It is worthy of the death penalty carried out by the hands of government (*Genesis 9:6, Romans 13:4*).

The person who practices homosexuality in their life matters to the Christian. Why? Because the Christian knows that such will not inherit the eternal kingdom of God. (*I Corinthians 6:9-10*). The

Christian also knows that the person with such a life style can change when submitting to the will of God (*I Corinthians 6:11*).

What we see and hear today is confusion. How does the action of a policeman in Minnesota or Baton Rouge make it permissible to kill and injure innocent police officers in Dallas? They were not personally guilty of any injustice, but in fact were protecting those who felt the need to protest of injustice. Personal accountability is the place to begin for solving our problems.

Those coming out and parading their homosexuality want all to accept them in their life style. If you cannot “affirm” their choice, the only other choice you are given is, “accept” them as a person. No, the godly will “acknowledge” your life is one of living in sin as defined by God. With long suffering he or she is willing to listen to your reasoning. You will be treated with kindness, but with God, the Christian will never accept your confused and abominable life style. (*Lev 18:20*). Your soul matters!

The noise of “who matters” is deafening. But with God your life matters. God holds you accountable, regardless of gender occupation or race!