

WHY LIFE MATTERS PROTECT LIFE AMENDMENT →

1 All humans are created in the image of God and have inherent worth.

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27).

God is the author of life, and because we are created in His image, all humans are valuable and loved by Him. Murder at any stage of human life is not only morally wrong (Exodus 20:13), it is also sin against God as the author, thus the owner, of life.

2 God determines when life begins and ends, and every part of our life matters to Him.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I set you apart” (Jeremiah 1:5).

God cares about every stage of our lives, even while we are yet in our mothers’ womb (Psalm 139:13-16). He chose the time and place we were born (Acts 17:26). And Scripture says His care is so personal and detailed, “even the hairs of your head are all numbered” (Luke 12:7). As the author of life, only God knows the full value of each and every moment of that life, in good times or in suffering, and only He can justly determine when life begins or ends.

3 God commands us to defend the cause of the voiceless.

“Speak out on behalf of the voiceless, and for the rights of all who are vulnerable” (Proverbs 31:8).

There is no one more without a voice than an unborn child. As Christians, we are called to defend those who do not have the ability or opportunity to speak for themselves. We must speak for the unborn in the womb. This includes exposing the lies from Satan on abortion that have taken many captive in our nation. However, defending the cause of the voiceless does not stop there; it is also defending the cause of the orphan, foreigner, widow, and poor. As Christians, we can value life by passionately defending all people who are being oppressed.

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How does a constitutional amendment pass?

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2. Following the next general election, the Iowa House and Senate pass the same amendment again. This step needs to be completed in 2023 or 2024.
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