

FAITH CHAT

with James & John

Are Some Moral Decisions Always Wrong?

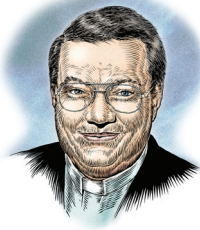
Know This...

Society often distorts, ignores, or rejects divine truth. It says one life can be attacked or taken to save another. Divine truth says all human life, from conception until natural death, is precious and cannot be harmed or destroyed. We are all called to seek the truth and to make decisions based on it. The closer we draw to Christ the better we become at making decisions that mirror divine truth. Some decisions are always morally wrong, including *abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, and same-sex marriage.*



John: These immoral acts are sins against life. They constitute grave matter, and if we know they are wrong, yet give our consent and participate in them, we commit mortal sin.

James: Abortion is the deliberate killing of an unborn child. Euthanasia is the willful action or inaction to hasten the death of the disabled, sick, or dying.

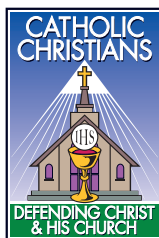


John: Embryonic stem cell research destroys human embryos for medical research. Human cloning eliminates natural conception in an attempt to create a human being. Same-sex marriage rejects the truth that only one man and one woman can form an indissoluble union ordered by God to bring forth life.

James: We are obligated to seek, understand, and accept divine truth; to eliminate ignorance; and to inform our consciences on Christian faith and morals. Abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, and same-sex marriage are gravely contrary to the moral law.

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“From the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother (and be joined to his wife), and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh.” *Mk 10:6-8* “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the one who sent me.” *Mk 9:37*

“You shall not kill the embryo by abortion and shall not cause the newborn to perish.” *Didache, 75 AD* “Formal cooperation in an abortion constitutes a grave offense.” *CCC 2272* “It is immoral to produce human embryos intended for exploitation as disposable biological material.” *CCC 2275* “Basing itself on Sacred Scripture [*Gen 19:1-17; Rom 1:24-27; 1 Tim 1:6-11*], which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that ‘homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered.’ They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.” *CCC 2357*



PAPA SAYS

“Human life is sacred and inviolate at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good. We need then to show care for all life and for the life of everyone... Abortion and euthanasia are thus crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection.” *Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life*



“[God said to man and woman] ‘Be fertile and multiple; fill the earth and subdue it.’” *Gen 1:28a* “A man leaves his father and his mother and cleaves to his wife, and they become one flesh.” *Gen 2:24* “[God said.] ‘It is I who bring both death and life, I who inflict wounds and heal them.’” *Deut 32:39* “[God said.] ‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you.’” *Jer 1:5* “Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.” *Eph 5:11*

Father, You have clearly shown us that all matters of life and death are in Your hands. Yet, society today so often distorts, ignores, or rejects this divine truth. Through frequent Confession, Holy Communion, and prayer, give me the grace I need to repudiate any attack against the sanctity of all human life, from conception until natural death. I ask this through the Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

