Why Is All Human Life Valuable?

Sanctity of Life Pertains To:

- Babies (abortion; selective breeding)
- Handicapped
- Chronically Sick
- Terminally Ill
- Aged

Human Life Is Valuable:

1. **Because God alone has the <u>ability</u> to start/end life**

   - Gen 20:18 for the Lord had closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.
   - Gen 29:31 When the Lord saw that Leah *was* unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel *was* barren.

2. **Because God alone has the <u>authority</u> to take life**

   - Gen 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.
   - Ex 21:12-17 "He who strikes a man so that he dies shall surely be put to death. However, if he did not lie in wait, but God delivered *him* into his hand, then I will appoint for you a place where he may flee. "But if a man acts with premeditation against his neighbor, to kill him by treachery, you shall take him from My altar, that he may die. And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. "He who kidnaps a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, shall surely be put to death. And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

3. **Because God made man in His <u>image</u>**

   - Gen 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
   - Gen 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.
   - James 3:9-10 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

4. **Because God has <u>purpose</u> in supposed "defects"**

   - John 9:1-3 Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him.
   - 2 Cor 12:5-10 Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be* or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

5. **Because God is the <u>Creator</u> of life beginning at conception.**

   People are a creation of God, not of people

   - Psalms 139:13-16 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully *and* wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And *that* my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When *as yet there were* none of them.

6. **Because of the <u>price</u> God paid for each & every person**

   - John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
   - 1 Tim 2:6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,