

(ABC's that threaten Christian living)

# **Killing And Murder**

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## **Timeless Truths** (Why should I avoid killing and murder?)

1. The unlawful murder of another human being is a sin because mankind was created in God's image, (Gen. 9:6).
2. Capital punishment is not an unlawful murder because God instituted it:  
(a.) when an animal takes a man's life, (Ex. 21:28); and, (b.) when a human unlawfully takes another human's life, (Gen. 9:5-6; Rom. 13:4).
3. A justifiable war is not an unlawful murder because God instituted war under certain conditions, (Num. 31:7; 1 Sam. 15:3).
4. Self-defense that results in a homicide is not an unlawful murder, (Ex. 22:2-3).
5. Accidental death is not an unlawful murder, (Ex. 21:13; Deut. 19:15; Num. 35).
6. Satan is called a murderer, John 8:44, probably for two reasons: (a.) he successfully tempted Adam and Eve to sin causing spiritual death, (cf. Gen. 2:17; 3:17-24; Rom. 5:12; Heb. 2:14); and (b.) he may have influenced the first murder through Cain, (1 John 3:12).
7. Anger led to the first killing, (Gen. 4:6-8).
8. Murder is a product of a sinful heart, Mt. 15:19; it is a work of the flesh, (Gal. 5:21).
9. Paul (Acts 9:1), Moses (Ex. 2:12), David (2 Sam. 11:16; 12:9) all committed murder and all faced consequences for their sinful actions, yet all were used of God.

## **Practical Prescriptions** (How can I control killing and murder?)

### ***1. Sanctify human life by opposing or stopping abortion, euthanasia, genocide, assisted suicide, murder, etc.!***

"...Do not murder..." (Ja. 2:11; Rom. 13:9; Mt. 19:18; Ex. 20:13; Deut. 5:17; 1 Pt.4:15).

### ***2. Support capital punishment and legislators who support it!***

"For he (the authority, i.e. government) is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil," (Rom. 13:4).

### ***3. Stop thoughts and feelings of hatred before they lead to murder!***

"Whoever hates his brother is a murderer..." (1 John 3:15; Mt. 5:21-22).

### ***4. Show love toward your neighbor and do not seek to harm him!***

"...You shall not murder... are all summed up in this saying, you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no harm to a neighbor," (Rom. 13:9-10).