Abstract

"Is There Anything more Precious than Life?": A Response from Christian Faith Vowing to "Establish the Sanctity of Life"

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Is there anything more precious than life? This paper seeks to answer that question from a Christian viewpoint. The objective is to prove the preciousness of life and its basis, thereby contributing towards "establishing the sanctity of life" and highlighting its importance.

Two theories are presented as responses to the question. Theory 1 asserts that there is something more precious than life, whereas Theory 2 claims that nothing is more precious than life. Although seemingly two opposing views, the two theories complement each other, being based on the Christian belief that "the source of life is God and God is love". Christians standing on the faith that "God is the life of life as the source of life" will reach the conclusion that nothing is more precious than life. The key lies in whose "life" one is referring to—whether it is one's own life or not.

Section 1 outlines the purpose of the paper and the two theories to achieve that purpose. Section 2 deals with the context behind "establishing the sanctity of life". Section 3 examines 'death' as the opposite of 'life'. Section 4 deliberates on "what is more important than life" under the theme of a poem by a Christian poet and analyzes the two theories set forth in Section 1. The concluding Section 5 upholds the complementary relationship between the two theories, maintaining that Theory 1 is established presupposing Theory 2 and that Theory 2 leads to Theory 1. Section 5 also asserts that what is necessary for "establishing the sanctity of life" is love and that endeavoring towards "establishing the sanctity of life" is equal to endeavoring towards "establishing the sanctity of God".