


SLBC Position Statements 

■ **SANCTITY OF LIFE** – We believe that the fetus, from the moment of conception, is a person (Psalm 139:13-18). We also believe that all persons are created in the image of God regardless of age, health, function and/or condition of dependency.

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Luke 23:2- And they began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is ^[a]Christ, a King.”

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John 1:11- He came to His own, and those who were His own did not receive Him.

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Isa 2:1-4-The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it will come about that In the last days The mountain of the house of the LORD Will be established as the chief of the mountains, And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it.³ And many peoples will come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may

teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths.”For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.⁴ And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war.

Isa 11:6-9-And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.⁷ Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox.⁸ The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper’s den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

Isa 65:17-25-“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former things will not be remembered or come to ^[a]mind.¹⁸ “But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create Jerusalem *for* rejoicing And her people *for* gladness.¹⁹ “I will also rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; And there will no longer be heard in her The voice of weeping and the sound of crying.²⁰ “No longer will there be ^[b]in it an infant *who lives but a few days*, Or an old man who does not ^[c]live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred And the ^[d]one who does not reach the age of one hundred Will be *thought* accursed.²¹ “They will build houses and inhabit *them*; They will also plant vineyards and eat their fruit.²² “They will not build and another inhabit, They will not

plant and another eat; For as the ^[e]lifetime of a tree, *so will be* the days of My people, And My chosen ones will wear out the work of their hands.²³ “They will not labor in vain, Or bear *children* for calamity; For they are the ^[f]offspring of those blessed by the LORD, And their descendants with them.²⁴ It will also come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear.²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will graze together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox; and dust will be the serpent’s food. They will do no evil or harm in all My holy mountain,” says the LORD.

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Matt 10:5-7-These twelve Jesus sent out after instructing them: “Do not go in *the* way of *the* Gentiles, and do not enter *any* city of the Samaritans; ⁶ but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

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Matt. 12:24- But when the Pharisees heard *this*, they said, “This man casts out demons only by ^[a]Beelzebul the ruler of the demons.”

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Matt. 6:10- Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven

Peters-"Jesus is called, and by right, and in the covenanted manner, is, 'the King of the Jews,' 'King of Nations,' 'King of the World,' but is never called 'the King of the Church.'"

Rom 8:34- who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

Heb 5:11-12- Concerning ^[a]him we have much to say, and *it is* hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Walvoord- "The Christian era has been no golden age of righteousness nor has the church conquered the world. It is more accurate to recognize that the world has to a large degree possessed the church."

Acts 16:30-31- and after he brought them out, he said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"³¹ They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Pentecost- "The new command of Christ, 'Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth' ([Acts 1:8](#)) does not coincide with the gospel of the kingdom which must precede the institution of the kingdom."

James 2:5- Listen, my beloved brethren: did not God choose the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

Peters- "If the church is the Kingdom, and believers are now in it, why designate them 'heirs,' etc., of a Kingdom."

John 16:33- In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.

Peters- "The church, instead of being represented as a Kingdom, is held up to us as a struggling, suffering people.

Rev 20:2-3- And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³ and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.

Ephes. 4:26-27-do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not give the devil an opportunity

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Titus 1:2- in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised ^[a] long ages ago.

Matt 24:14- This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Jer 30:7-Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob's distress, But he will be saved from it.

Matt 23:37-39- Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. ³⁸ Behold, your house is being left to you desolate! ³⁹ For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'

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Rev 11:15- Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

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Constable- Jesus was not denying that His kingdom was an earthly kingdom. He was not saying it was only the spiritual rule of God over the hearts of His people. He was not saying that His kingdom had nothing to do with this world, either.⁸³¹ This should be clear from Jesus' other references to His kingdom as being an earthly kingdom. His point was that He and His kingdom were not a present threat to Rome (cf. 18:10-11). It was non-threatening because God had postponed the messianic kingdom—due to Israel's unbelief

Woods-the final clause of [John 18:36](#) contains the Greek word *nyn*, which is typically translated "now." This final clause could therefore be translated, "but *now* My kingdom is not from here" (NKJV; italics added). Thus, the idea is "My kingdom is not *now* established." In other words, Christ was not denying the kingdom's ultimate arrival upon earth. Rather, he was only denying its immediate arrival. Craven explains the significance of the insertion of "now"

Constable- Jesus' kingdom is "not of this realm" or "from another place" (Gr. *ouk enteuthen*, lit. not from this place) in another sense. It will come down from heaven to the earth rather than originating from the earth. It will begin when Jesus comes down from heaven to earth at His Second Coming.

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Dan 2:44-In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

Ps. 139:13- For You formed my ^[i]inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

Heb. 13:20-21- Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, *even* Jesus our Lord, ²¹ equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.