

God and Euthanasia

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Defining terms

1) Euthanasia = “an easy or gentle death”

It is deceptive ...

- sometimes a long time to die
- trauma caused in families
- face God – Heb 10:31, “it is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God”

2) Voluntary Euthanasia = when death is chosen by the sufferer.
and Non - Voluntary Euthanasia = death without consent

3) Active Euthanasia - active means to end another person’s life

Passive Euthanasia - not taking a necessary step to save someone else’s life when you could have.

4) Prolonging life or just prolonging death.

5) A difference in motives

Dangers and problems of Euthanasia

1) Death is irreversible

2) People are fallible

Deuteronomy 32:39, “See now that I myself am He! There is no God besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.”

1 Samuel 2:6, “The LORD brings death and makes alive; he brings down to the grave and raises up.”

Psalm 90:3, “You turn men back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, O sons of men.”

Psalm 31:15, “My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.”

2 Kings 5:7, “As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to Life?""

Genesis 9:6, “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.”

Deuteronomy 5:17, “You shall not murder”

3) People are sinful.

4) Legalising does not protect
the example of abortion legislation

2009 SA - 5852 babies killed

2009 Australia 76 500 babies killed

210 per day

USA 1973 - 2008 – 50 million babies killed

= 3900 babies killed every day for 35 years straight

= World Trade Centre every day for 35 years

A Christian perspective

- 1) God's rule or man's
- 2) Self centred
- 3) Rejects God's value on human life.
- 4) Euthanasia fails to understand the sinful potential of humans
- 5) Fails to love