



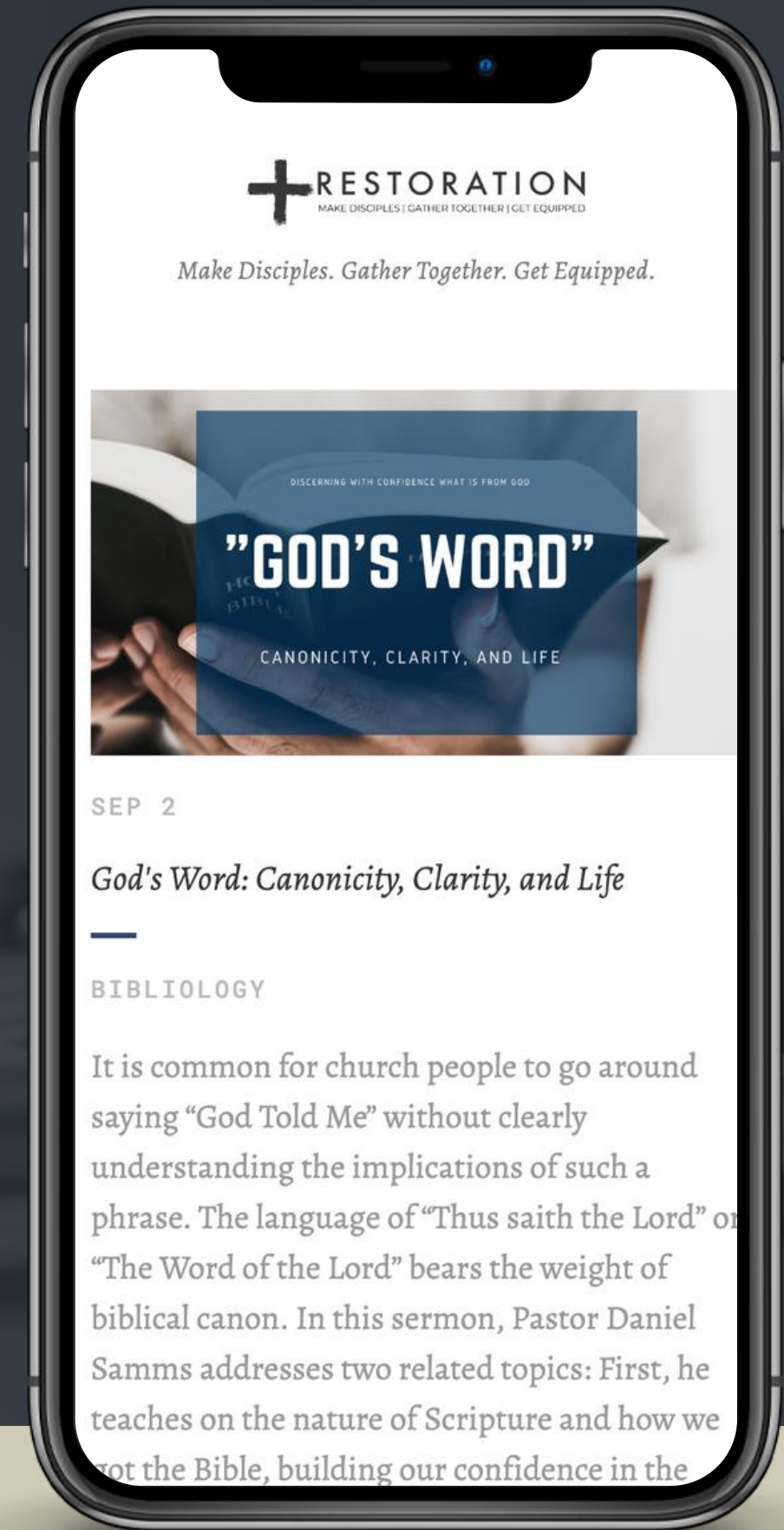
GOD'S CHURCH

# LIVING STONES AND HOLY PRIESTS

Ecclesiology 2



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# Ecclesiology

**The Study of the Church**

Pillar of Truth (Proclaim Gospel)  
Temple of the Holy Spirit (God with us)  
Priesthood of All Believers (Use of Gifts)  
Body of Christ (Headship of Christ)  
Authority (Word of God)  
Leadership (Elders and Deacons)  
Ordinances (Baptism and Communion)  
Discipline (Protecting)



# The Church Puts the Truth On Display.

## 1 TIMOTHY 3:14-16

*14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. 16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:*

*He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.*



# Vote NO on Issue 1

## It Is An Abomination.

This "Right to Reproductive Freedoms with Protections for Health and Safety" issue is a proposed constitutional amendment that would do the following:

- Allow gender transition surgeries and puberty blockers to children without parental knowledge.
- Allow child murder in the womb for any reason.
- Removes parental rights related to any of the above issues.

The word "woman" does not appear in this entire amendment

### FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Art. I is the Bill of Rights

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article I of the Ohio Constitution is amended to add the following Section:

Article I, Section 22. The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety (mostly for abortion providers)

more accurate title should be: The right to reproductive decisions

any age including minors  
not gender specific

A. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions) including but not limited to decisions on:

1. contraception;
2. fertility treatment;
3. continuing one's own pregnancy;
4. miscarriage care; and
5. abortion.

without limits  
gender selection  
abortion  
harvesting body parts  
chemical castration  
trans surgeries on minors  
cloning

B. The State shall not directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either:

no age restrictions  
no parental consent

1. An individual's voluntary exercise of this right or
2. A person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right,

includes group/activists in schools instructing minors on sexual practices

unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.

undefined

However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.

C. As used in this Section:

The abortionist is now protected by the Constitution - regardless of the outcome of aborting a fully viable human child.

1. "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis."
2. "State" includes any governmental entity and any political subdivision.

subjective judgment of abortionist  
not age or gender specific

D. This Section is self-executing.

by the abortionist up to the point of a full term delivery

unborn child  
Are there no human rights for the unborn?

### FINAL THOUGHT

The Ohio Legislature will have NO power to mitigate against the abuse of this language, because this is a Constitutional right. Thus, the people of Ohio will be silenced on this subject.

including a zoning board or city council or school board

# Scripture

PEOPLE ARE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE  
(GEN 1:26-27)

MULTIPLY AND FILL THE EARTH  
(GEN 1:28)

RESCUE THE INNOCENT  
(PROV. 24:11-12)

LOVE LIFE  
(PSALM 16:11)

DEATH TO MURDERERS AND RAPISTS  
(GEN 9:5-7)

# Pagans

PEOPLE HAVE NO VALUE/ACCIDENTS

REDUCE POPULATION TO SAVE EARTH  
(WEF)

INFANTICIDE  
(EX. 1:6, MATT. 2:16, 2 KINGS 16:3)

LOVERS OF DEATH  
(PROV. 8:35-36)

HEARTY APPROVAL TO EVIL  
(ROMANS 1:32)



APOLOGETIC FOR THE

# ABOLITION OF ABORTION

A BIBLICAL CASE FOR THE ABOLITION OF ABORTION:  
A GOSPEL-CENTERED APPROACH



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# THREE METHODS OF PROTECTING LIFE



BALLOT BOX



JURY BOX



CARTRIDGE BOX

“From the first I saw no chance of bettering the condition of the freedman, until he should cease to be merely a freedman, and should become a citizen. I insisted that there was no safety for him, nor for anybody else in America, outside the American Government: that to guard, protect, and maintain his liberty, the freedman should have the ballot; that the liberties of the American people were dependent upon the Ballot-box, the Jury-box, and the Cartridge-box, that without these no class of people could live and flourish in this country.”

-Frederick Douglas





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## EPHESIANS 2:19-22

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Truth/Gospel

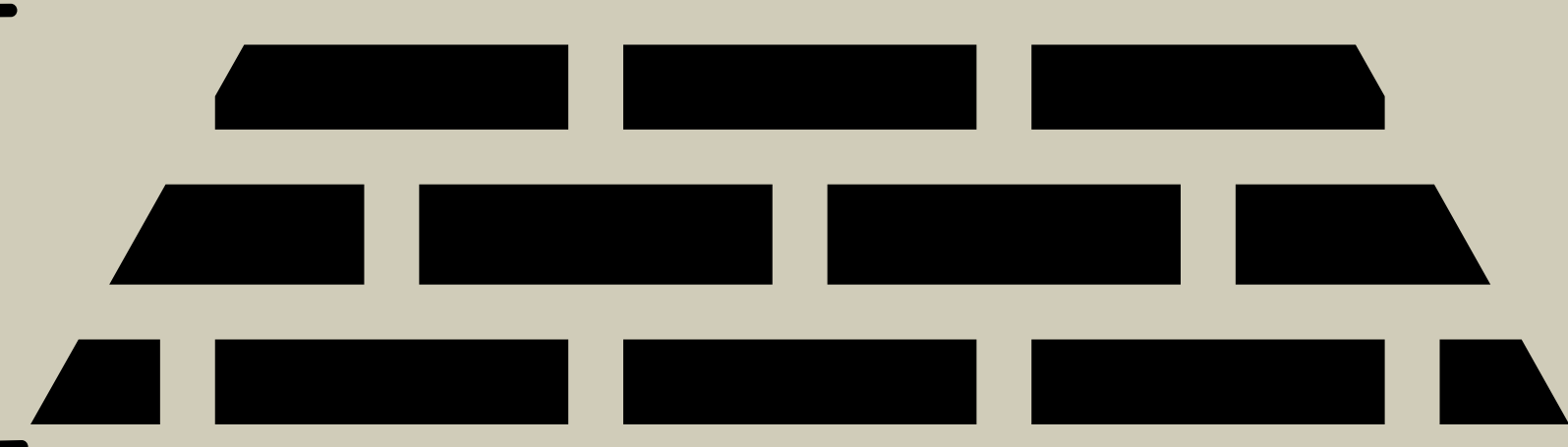


**THE CHURCH  
THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD  
THE DWELLING PLACE OF  
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Christians



Apostles  
and  
Prophets



Jesus Christ



## 1 PETER 2:1-6

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.  
2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.  
4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in Scripture:  
“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

# SINCE WE ARE THE TEMPLE....



## PUT AWAY....

Malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, slander.  
(things that harm and divide the temple  
stones from one another)



## DESIRE....

The Word of God that you (and the temple)  
may grow in Christ.



## COME TO...

Christ, the Chief Cornerstone



# Christ, the Cornerstone

**Whoever believes in Him shall not be put to shame.**

You will either stumble over Christ on your way to destruction or you will align your life to His. There is no in between.



## Holy Priests

Priests represent God to man and man to God, offering sacrifices, handling the Word of God, and serving administrative tasks in the temple. (Numbers 18:7)



## Living Stones

The people of God make up the temple of God. The temple of God is where His Spirit dwells, and the Holy Spirit dwells in us individually and collectively. (1 Cor. 3:16-16)

# OT Priest

32 "If he (sinner) brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish 33 and lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering. 34 Then the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar. 35 And all its fat he shall remove as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings, and the priest shall burn it on the altar, on top of the Lord's food offerings. And the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin which he has committed, and he shall be forgiven.

-Leviticus 4:32-35

# NT Priest

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

-1 Peter 2:9-10





# Spiritual Sacrifices

Living Sacrifice (Romans 12:1)

Meeting Needs (Phil. 4:18)

Praise, Works, Sharing (Heb.13:15-16)

Edification Heb. (10:21-25)

Christlike Humility (Phil.2:1-11)

Sacrifice to Death (2 Timothy 4:6)



## 1 PETER 2:7-8

7 So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

8 and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.



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11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. 12 Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.



# Purity of Priests

Living in light of your holy calling.

## ABSTAIN FROM PASSIONS OF THE FLESH

Do not take part in the sinful lifestyle of the nonbelievers with whom you dwell. The children of Israel fell into the sins of the pagan Canaanites. Delight in God's good gifts, not sinful desires.

## KEEP YOUR CONDUCT HONORABLE

Live honorably, trustworthy in business dealings, generous as neighbors, and righteous in your finances. Don't cheat, lie, or live rudely. Make sure that your conduct is honorable, so that God is glorified.

## LET YOUR GOOD WORKS GLORIFY GOD

We don't do good works to get attention for ourselves, but it is good for our good works to be seen so that they bring glory to God. This does not mean flaunting your generosity, but rather not hiding your godly living.



# Christians Are Commmanded To Gather With The Church.

## HEBREWS 10:19-25

*19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*