

Vision and Values – Blessed to be a blessing

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Key Text

Gen 12:1-3

Introduction

Abraham was the first person to be blessed by God. Through the line of Abraham, we experience that blessing. This blessing does not strictly mean prosperity; it is more encompassing to include all of life. What good is the church if it has lost its blessing or not giving it out? Christians are called to be a blessing to the world around them, in a similar manner to which Israel was meant to be a blessing to the nations around it.

Christians are called to be the salt of the earth, however in our modern culture today, that saltiness has lost its flavour.

Abortion

The state of Victoria has some of the most liberal abortion laws. God clearly calls abortion as murder (sixth commandment). Each person from the moment of conception has been fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-16). Our state allows abortion for psycho-social reasons, rather than strictly medical reasons. People are travelling to our state from interstate and overseas to receive abortions. Babies routinely survive premature birth, yet at these ages babies are being aborted.

Prayer and Action

Jesus rebuked his disciples, asking them, “Could you not pray with me for 1 hour.” This is a call for action for our church today to seek change to the abortion laws. We can write letters to our members of parliament, vote with our conscience in the November elections, pray for change in the laws, march in peaceful demonstrations and encourage others to participate as well.