

Capital Punishment

Objections:

1. Capital punishment is not a deterrent to murder and therefore a senseless law.
2. Capital punishment is discriminatory for only the poor and black receive it.
3. The bible says thou shalt not kill, but love and forgive.
4. Capital punishment is unchristian and a relic of the dark ages.
5. Capital punishment is barbaric and makes it irreversible when done to an innocent man.

I. Capital punishment and Adam.

- A. God warns of the death penalty. Gen 2:7
- B. God executes the death penalty and God takes full responsibility. Rom 5:12

II. Capital punishment and Cain.

- A. A time in history without the death penalty. Gen
 1. Cain a murder. 4:8
 2. Lamech a multi-murder. 4:23
 3. The earth filled with out of control violence. 6:13
- B. A time in history when God executed justice. Gen 6:13

III. Capital punishment and Noah.

- A. God institutes capital punishment and human government.
 1. The command given. 9:6a
 2. The command explained. 9:6b
**Murder is a direct crime against God's image.*
- B. God promises blessing to those who keep his law.
 1. No more worldwide flood.
 2. Seasons will exist. 8:22
 3. Dominion over creation. 9:1-2
 4. A new diet. 9:3

5. A covenant rainbow. 9:16

IV. Capital punishment and Moses.

- A. The command given to not murder. Ex 20:13
**Kill is intensive in form.*
- B. The command illustrated. Ex 21:12-36
**Life for life.*

V. Capital punishment and Jesus.

- A. His sermon on the mount. Matt 5:21-22
- B. Parable of the householder. Matt 21:33

VI. Capital punishment and Peter. Acts 5:1-11

- A. The crime: lying to God. 4
- B. The punishment: Death 5
- C. The result: Great fear. 21

VII. Capital punishment and Paul.

- A. He believed in it. Acts 25:9-11
- B. He taught it. Rom 13:1-7

Conclusion:

Does capital punishment deter crime? Ecc 8:11
Is capital punishment a crime or a command?
Is God's justice as important as His love?
Do we decide things in how we feel or what God says?

There are 12 different crimes in the Bible that demand the death penalty.
Should we put people in office with this same standard of justice?