

*(Intro) OPEN LINE LIVE Producer, Deb Solomon tells host, Dr. Michael Rydelnik, that she's going to be moving on to a new program on MOODY RADIO, which she's started in January (2016), called "Equipped, with Chris Brooks," and then they take mailbag questions.*

**(00:00) DEB SOLOMON (Producer):** "...Wow, why didn't I know that? I should have known that. So, lots of great things I've learned while I've listened to you, so I'll just have to keep listening."

**(00:06) DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK (Host):** "Yeah, I hope so. I hope so."

**(00:07) DEB SOLOMON:** "And for those who haven't heard, I'm going to be moving off to a new program here at Moody Radio, um, actually, it started in January already. It's called 'Equipped with Chris Brooks', and I'm looking forward to being part of that. So, um, Michael, we have a question from Mildred who wrote in, and she said, 'I've heard the teaching that all babies go to heaven. If this is so, would it [not] be better for all people to just die in infancy and [thus] avoid the possibility of hell? If all babies go to heaven?'"

**(00:37) DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK:** "Wow."

**(00:38) DEB SOLOMON:** "I know, that's kind of an interesting perspective on that question."

**(00:41) DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK:** "Yeah. Well, let me just say, ah... We have to think about life the way God thinks of it. And we shouldn't... That's a... That's almost, ah... It's... It's... It's almost, ah... not, it's... I guess, maybe we would say, Ok, logically speaking, the best thing in the world is to have eternal life, and so... But, that would be encouraging: 'Ok, everyone, let's abort our children'. Ah..."

**[Editor's Note:** I agree with Dr. Rydelnik here: Eternal life is superior to temporary life because it is imperishable, offering an everlasting, unseen reality (2 Cor 4:18) "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen *are* temporal; but the things which are not seen *are* eternal." (2 Cor. 4:18, KJV)]

**(01:06) DEB SOLOMON:** "And, we're gonna assume this is a 'philosophical' question for Mildred..."

**(01:10) DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK:** "Yeah."

**(01:10) DEB SOLOMON:** "...that she's not really trying to do that."

**(01:11) DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK:** "No, no, of course not. But, ah... But we... philosophically speaking, we have to support what God says about life. And what he says is every human life is precious. Ah, and so every human life being precious, uh, we have to protect it. Uh, and so... uh, that's why in... **every human life has the image of God upon it.** That's why Genesis 9 says that murder has to be paid for with capital punishment, ah, because of the image of God. And so we have to protect that human being with the image of God. **Secondly**, we... we have to recognize that the greatest opportunity people have is to have an **opportunity to believe in Jesus.** And so we don't want to short circuit that. **And then thirdly**, ah, God wants us here on earth **to serve Him...** He needs... He.. He has commanded us to be His servants. And if we say, 'Oh, the better thing is to go to heaven, so therefore, ah, we're not going to serve Him,' no, He needs people... He wants people (*I don't think He needs anything*), but He wants people to be His servants... So, He has set it up that way. And so, therefore, ah, we have to preserve life, for that reason. So, ah, there are too many reasons for us to protect human life, ah, that philosophically, whether philosophically that makes sense to you or not, that's not what God would want." **[Editor's Note: #1. IMAGE OF GOD argument ; #2. – FAITH IN JESUS argument ; #3. – SERVICE TO GOD argument]**

**(02:39) DEB SOLOMON:** "It's just... **God's glory.** What does He get the glory from? And..." **[Editor's Note: #4. – GLORY TO GOD argument]**

**(02:41) DR. RYDELNIK:** "Yeah."

**(02:41) DEB SOLOMON:** "...ultimately, that's our purpose, isn't it?"

**(02:43) DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK:** "And also, it's so important that people love God and respond to Him, ah, **with their will. Ah, we're not robots.** And, uh, if... if every person just automatically goes to heaven 'cause we're... well, God wants us to make the choice to believe in Him. And so that's what He... He is really giving us the opportunity to do when we live on earth. And so..." **[Editor's Note: #5. – "FREE WILL" aka "WE'RE NOT ROBOTS" argument]**

**(03:06) DEB SOLOMON:** "Yes."

**(03:07) DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK:** "...in all those ways I think it gives greater glory to God, ah, to... to preserve life. So..."

**(03:12) DEB SOLOMON:** "Good."

**(03:13) DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK:** "Uh, VNA, do you have a tweet coming in there?"

**(03:16) VNA (Third Voice):** "It was actually a Facebook message..."

**(03:18) DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK:** "Okay?"

**(03:19) VNA (Third Voice):** "...um... and Ashley sent in... I would like a clear understanding of 1<sup>st</sup> JOHN 5:6, where it states that Jesus came by the Spirit, Water, and Blood."

**(03:28) DR. MICHAEL RYDELNIK:** "Hm... well?" **(03:29)**

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**Timeline Verification:** In this audio, Producer Deb Solomon announces her move to \*Equipped with Chris Brooks\*. Industry records confirm \*Equipped\* officially launched on Moody Radio on January 4, 2016, verifying this broadcast's date. Rev. Chris Brooks currently serves on the Moody Bible Institute Board of Trustees alongside Dr. Mike Fabarez and Dr. Paul Nyquist.

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