

What About Abortion?

Scripture Reading: *Isaiah 5:18-25*

- A. On January 22, 1973, *Roe v. Wade* was decided by the United States Supreme Court. The Court ruled that a woman may abort her pregnancy for any reason, up until the “point at which the fetus becomes viable” — “able to live outside the mother’s womb.”
- B. *Roe v. Wade* endures as one of the most controversial and politically significant cases in U.S. history. Since 1973, approximately 50 million abortions have been performed in this country.
- C. Clarifying our primary concern as God’s people in 21st century America:
 - 1. Christ’s church is not the pillar and support of societal politics (*1 Timothy 3:15*).
 - 2. God’s kingdom is not of this world (*John 18:36; Philippians 3:20*).
 - 3. Murder is a moral issue, regardless of political or judicial attachment (*Rom 1:31; 2 Tim 3:3*).
- D. Abortion “kills the life of a baby after it has begun” (*Planned Parenthood* pamphlet, 1952).

I. The Gift of Life as Seen Through the Lense of the Bible

- A. Children are precious blessings from the LORD (*Psalms 127:3-5; 128:3-4*)
- B. We are “fearfully and wonderfully made” by God (*Psalms 139:13-16; Jer 1:5; Isa 44:2*)
- C. “Children” and “babies” in the womb (*Gen 25:22; 2 Kings 19:3; Luke 1:15, 41*)
- D. The gift of human life is a magnificent thing (*Psalms 8:3-6*)

II. Disregard for Human Life as Warned About in the Bible and Beyond

- A. Straightforward words about murdering those created in God’s image (*Exo 20:13; Gen 9:6*)
- B. Description of a case where violence causes a premature birth (*Exodus 21:22-25*)
- C. The LORD hates “hands that shed innocent blood” (*Proverbs 6:16-19*)
- D. Shedding innocent blood is the exact opposite of justice and righteousness (*Jer 22:3*)
- E. The idolatrous practice of sacrificing children to Molech (*Lev 18:21; 20:2-5; Jer 32:34-35*)
- F. God’s raw language about child sacrifice (*Psalms 106:36-38*)
- G. Abortion described by early Christians

III. Abortion is Sinful

- A. The right to choose with our bodies **vs.** bodies that belong to God (*1 Corinthians 6:18-20*)
- B. An unwillingness to confront our sins **vs.** submissive penitence before God (*James 4:7-10*)

IV. What Can We Do?

- A. Pray (*1 Timothy 2:1-2*)
- B. Share God’s Word with hearts of love and lives of service (*John 17:17; 1 Corinthians 6:11*)
- C. Help the weak (*Acts 20:35*)