

ABORTION: THE SLAUGHTER OF THE HELPLESS

(Psalm 106:35-39; Matthew 2:13-18)

- I. The SITUATION As It Stands Today
 - A. The decision of the SUPREME COURT (Roe vs. Wade, January 22, 1973)
 1. Declared a woman had a "RIGHT" to an ABORTION
 2. Invalidated the REGULATION of abortion in every STATE
 3. Decreed that LIFE begins at BIRTH
 - B. Some STATISTICS
 1. Since 1973 in the US nearly 61,000,000 babies have been aborted
 2. That's an average of 1,300,000 per YEAR; 3712 per day; or about one every 20 SECONDS
 3. TOTAL loss of American lives in WAR through our entire history is about 1,200,000
- II. Is the Fetus "TISSUE" or a HUMAN LIFE?
 - A. TWO PERSONS involved (Matt. 1:20-23; Luke 1:41-44; cf. Gen. 25:21-22; Exod. 21:22-23)
 - B. Human life begins at CONCEPTION not BIRTH (Psalm 139:13-16)
 - C. Human SOUL is procreated by the PARENTS at conception (Gen. 35:18; 46:26, 66; 1 Kings 17:21-22; Ps. 51:5; Rom. 5:12-19; 1 Cor. 15:21-22; Heb. 7:9-10)
- III. Methods for PERFORMING an Abortion
 - A. The SUCTION method
 - B. Dilation and Curettage (D&C): a spoon shaped blade DISMEMBERS the baby and scrapes out the PIECES
 - C. SALINE injection POISONS the baby so it is still-born
 - D. The PARTIAL-BIRTH method

E. Hysterectomy method: frequently delivered ALIVE then either KILLED or left to DIE

IV. REASONS Given for Having an Abortion

- A. To SAVE the life of the MOTHER
- B. Child was conceived by RAPE or INCEST
- C. To escape responsibility for SIN
- D. To avoid responsibility for REARING CHILDREN

V. Some Important OBSERVATIONS

- A. The unborn child is a COMPLETE PERSON (Job 3:16; cf. 1 Sam. 15:3)
- B. The HANDICAPPED are complete persons, too (Ex. 4:11; Jer. 1:5)
- C. The mother does NOT have UNRESTRICTED rights over her body (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 12:1)
- D. The MOTHER frequently suffers consequences from abortion
 - 1. Overwhelming GUILT
 - 2. PHYSICAL consequences
 - 3. SUICIDE rate is NINE TIMES higher for women who have had an abortion
- E. Most abortions would be ELIMINATED by obeying 1 Cor. 6:18

VI. Conclusions

- A. God considers abortion MURDER
- B. Christians must OPPOSE abortion
- C. Christians must present ALTERNATIVES
 - 1. ABSTINENCE to avoid the problem
 - 2. RESPONSIBILITY for the new PERSON you made
 - 3. ADOPTION
- D. Christ died for ALL the sins ANYONE may have committed, including the sin of ABORTION (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Gal. 1:4; 1 Pet. 2:24; 3:18; 1 John 2:2; 3:5; 4:10)