

## Abortion

Latest news on today is that the U. S. Supreme Court is going to overturn the court precedence case of Rowe vs Wade. This leak is in itself unprecedented, having never happened before in Supreme Court history, ever. This was a violation of court trust. There are differing views on abortion. One is that it is a woman's right to have one, climate activist say it is necessary to lower the number of people in the world so that we will stop destroying the environment. Another that it is killing of the innocent. What is important is what God says about it.

## Personal Responsibility

While working criminal cases in law enforcement, I would often talk to the suspect of the cases. In many of the cases the suspect would shift blame for their actions. It was many times the to the victim, the use of drugs, the way they were raised, or conditions. It was always something other than themselves. In some homicide cases the suspect would dehumanize the victim. It was not very often that a person would say, I did it, I was wrong. There were some who would, but the fast majority did not.

Personal responsibility goes a long way in this world today. When a crime happens, the politically motivated people say it is the fault of someone else, or something else. As with gun violence, they say we need more gun control, yet never address why people are turning to violence against one another. On climate change they blame too many people in the world, that they are causing pollution, and not the fact we are disobeying God. On unwanted pregnancies, the topic is abortion, not prevention. We don't teach our young to follow biblical practices. We often here phrases as, "I deserve", "you deserve", "you have a right to". Many these are said by politicians to sway people, or to shift blame away from those who are to blame. For the most part these are all lies.

The Lord tells us we are rewarded for our actions. This reward can be good, a blessing, or bad, a punishment.

Matthew 5: 21-22 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of judgment"

But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Your actions have consequences. For both you and others. People do not consider their actions as being the problem today. They fail to take personal responsibility. On the issue of abortions, we hear about killing the infant in the womb instead of how to prevent pregnancy. We don't teach people to take responsibility, but how to solve the problem after the fact.

From the CDC web page:

In 2019, 629,898 legal induced abortions were reported to CDC from 49 reporting areas. Among 48 reporting areas with data each year during 2010–2019, in 2019, a total of 625,346 abortions were reported, the abortion rate was 11.4 abortions per 1,000 women aged 15–44 years, and the abortion ratio was 195 abortions per 1,000 live births.

More than 63 million abortions are estimated to have taken place in the U.S. since the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that granted federal protections to women seeking to terminate their pregnancies, according to one analysis.

The National Right to Life Committee (NRLC), the nation's oldest pro-life organization, estimates that 63,459,781 abortions have taken place since 1973. That estimate was gathered by tracking data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Guttmacher Institute, which previously served as a research arm of the nation's preeminent abortion provider, Planned Parenthood.

Those are a lot of souls lost. So, is abortion murder? As stated above,

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The word kill as used in Exodus 20: 13 Thou shalt not kill, is from the Hebrew in Strongs of 7523 ratsach raw-tsakh'; a ;prime root; properly to dash in pieces, i.e. kill (a humanbeing) espec. To murder: -put to death, kill, (man-) slay (-er), murder (-er).

To murder is to kill in premeditation, as said, to lie in wait to take one's life, as the Lord used in Matthew 19:18, murder in Greek Strong's 5407 referring to 5406.

Genesis 9:6 Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

Exodus 21:22 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him: and he shall pay as the judges determine.

Exodus 21:23 And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

When is a baby in the womb a person?

Luke 1:39 – 41 And Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; And entered into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and /Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost.

## **Jesus, in spirit, was inside Mary at the point of conception.**

Elisabeth was six months pregnant with John the Baptist and Mary had just become with child, about a day. The baby moved inside Elisabeth at the presence of the Holy Spirit inside Mary

## **When does the embryo become an individual? You decide.**

From pregnancy birth and baby site

You will start to feel your baby moving between 16 and 24 weeks of pregnancy. The location of your placenta will not affect this sensation. It is more common for women having their second or subsequent pregnancies to feel their baby move earlier.

The Cleveland Clinic report states.

Within 24 hours after fertilization, the egg that will become your baby rapidly divides into many cells. By the eighth week of pregnancy, the embryo develops into a fetus. There are about 40 weeks to a typical pregnancy. These weeks are divided into three trimesters.

At the moment of fertilization, your baby's genetic make-up is complete, including its sex. The gender of your baby depends on what sperm fertilizes the egg at the moment of conception.

Generally, women have a genetic combination of XX and men have XY. Women provide each egg with an X. Each sperm can be either an X or a Y. If the fertilized egg and sperm is a combination of an X and Y, it's a boy. If there are two Xs, it's a girl.

Within 24 hours after fertilization, the egg begins rapidly dividing into many cells. It remains in the fallopian tube for about three days after conception. Then the fertilized egg (now called a blastocyte) continues to divide as it passes slowly through the fallopian tube to the uterus. Once there, its next job is to attach to the endometrium. This is called implantation.

Within three weeks, the blastocyte cells ultimately form a little ball, or an embryo. By this time, the first nerve cells have formed.

Your developing fetus has already gone through a few name changes in the first few weeks of pregnancy. Generally, it's called an embryo from conception until the eighth week of development. After the eighth week, it's called a fetus until it's born.

By saying it is not a human yet, is dehumanizing the embryo. If it's not a person, we can kill it. Wait, that's right kill it. Because it is alive, and self-identified at conception. The Lord set times when we are commanded to put someone to death for a sin or crime. We need to take responsibility for our own actions, not shift blame, not hate. We must accept the consequences of our own actions, and repent.

Remember Jesus said in John 14: 21 **He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.**

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