

Right to Life Sunday – January 18, 2009

Today's Message: "Acceptable Murder"

Message Study Guide

Introduction

The sin of abortion has been a dark stain on the fabric of the American culture since that infamous day of January 22, 1973, when the Supreme Court of the United States of America decided that they would arrogantly assume the role of God and determine for themselves, without the aid or instruction of Scripture, that life would begin and end according to their word. This decision would mean that they alone would be the determiners of what life is, and what life is not, when life begins, and when life can end.

That infamous court case would forever be known as Roe vs. Wade. On that fateful day, the Supreme Court would make the following rulings:

1. That no state may make laws regulating abortion during the first three months of pregnancy except to provide that they be done by a licensed physicians;
2. That laws regulating abortion between the third month and the time of viability are constitutional only in so far as they are aimed at safeguarding the health of the mother;
3. That laws relating to the time of viability (6-6 1/2 months) until the end of the pregnancy may not prevent abortion if it is "to preserve the life and health of the mother";
4. That the health of the mother includes "all factors - emotional, physical, psychological, and the woman's age - relevant to the well-being of the patient".

On July 1, 1976, the Supreme Court extended its original decision by adding the following:

1. Abortions may be performed on minor daughters without the knowledge or consent of their parents;
2. Women (whether married or unmarried) may obtain abortions without the consent or knowledge of the baby's father.

Make no mistake about it. Abortion is a grievous sin! It is a heinous sin! It is a horrific sin against the Most High God. It is a sin designed to belittle His glory and remove God and His image out of today's society. Evidently, they believe the old adage, "out of sight, out of mind". Abortion is still a sin even if the laws of a nation say it is not. Our definition of what a sin is and is not must be based on the Word of the living God, not man!

Discussion Points

Psalm 106 is one of the most graphic portions of Scripture in the entire Bible. When the Psalm was written, there were no camera's, no computers, no TV's, no video's, and no DVD's to re-enforce the message; so they did the next best thing; they spoke in clear, firm, graphic language to make the point.

Discussion Questions

1. If America was founded as a Christian Constitutional Republic, how is it that God seemingly has been dethroned and been replaced by man? How did we get to this point in history?
2. Why do you think so many people believe that the bible is completely silent on the subject of abortion? Do you know of any verses of Scripture that would prove that the bible is pro-life?
3. According to Genesis 9:6; Genesis 1:27; Genesis 25:22; Luke 1:44; Luke 2:12; and Psalm 139:13, why is abortion such a serious sin in the eyes of God?
4. As a Christian who is concerned about this sin, what practical things can you do to confront our culture with this issue?

Think About It

The statistics of abortion are astounding. Each year, conservative estimates put the number of abortions performed world-wide at 30 million. Since 1973, there have been 43 million abortions in America. That is one abortion every 26 seconds, 151 every hour, 3,629 every single day.

Do Something About It!

The amazing thing about the gospel is that there is no sin so vile that it cannot be forgiven. The only hope for America is salvation that comes only from God. Among all the practical things we can do as Christians, constant, fervent prayer for repentance and salvation must be at the top of our list.

Be Willing To Change

"For thou hast possessed by reins; thou hast covered me in my mother's womb; I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made..." (Psalm 139:13, 14)