

"The Sanctity of Life"

This Sunday marks the 34th anniversary of the infamous "Roe vs. Wade" decision of the United States Supreme Court legalizing abortion on demand in this country. Since that date over 47 million babies have been put to death in this country and untold millions more around the world. It constitutes a holocaust of unprecedented proportions in mankind's history.

General Douglas MacArthur, surveying the carnage of World War II that left 55 million dead and worldwide destruction, said, "the problem is basically spiritual." Indeed, the destruction of human life through abortion is a spiritual battle. "We do not wrestle against flesh and blood," Paul says in Ephesians 6: 12, "but against ... the rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."

The root of the issue is this question: "Is human life sacred?" If it is sacred, do we have the "right" to end that life because of some so called "right to privacy" or a mothers' "right to choose?" The answer to the question of the sacredness of human life is found in the character and nature of God! God is described as a Spirit Who is life and gives life (Jhn. 1 :3-4, 4:24, 11:25, 14:6). God bestowed the gift of life to the animal and plant kingdoms, but He made mankind in His own image and likeness (Gen. 1 :26-28). Since God is holy (sacred, set apart), those made in His likeness (mankind), are sacred as well (1Pet. 1:15-16).

The Bible speaks very clearly that life begins at the moment of conception. Medical science and technology confirms what was written thousands of years ago. David says he was conceived in sin in Psalm 51:5. We are fearfully and wonderfully made in the secret of our mothers' wombs, the psalmist writes in Psalm 139:13-16. The prophet Jeremiah is told by the LORD "I knew you," before he was formed in the womb (Jer. 1:4-5)! John the Baptist leaped in his mothers' womb and was filled with the Holy Spirit upon hearing the voice of Mary, the mother of the Lord (Lk. 1 :39-44).

The killing of the unborn, capital punishment for babies, finds its root cause in the evil one, the devil (Isa. 14:12-15). He was a murderer and a liar from the beginning (Jhn. 8:44). The whole world lies in him (1Jhn. 5:19) who has the power of death (Heb. 2: 14). He wages a deadly war against those who bear God's image, just as he did against God's Son, Jesus Christ (Matt. 2:1-18). We must know the truth (Jhn. 14:6), put on the full armor of God (Eph. 6:10-18), expose the works of darkness (Eph. 5:11), and resist the evil one and his murderous plans (1Pet. 1:8). Let us repent and pray.