

Frequency of Abortion

- Over 43 million abortions since 1973
- Nearly 3,600 abortions per day in 2000, 149 per hour, about one every 24 seconds
- More than 140,000 second and third trimester abortions in 2000
- In 2000, more children died from abortion than Americans died in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World Wars I and II, the Korean, Vietnam and Gulf Wars combined

Why No Storm of Protest?

■ Ambiguity

- People ask, “when does the fetus become a human being.” The answers are varied; so people say, “no one can be sure when life begins” so we tolerate abortion.

■ Euphemisms

- People talk about the termination of a fetus. That sounds much better than killing babies so it salves their conscience.

Some: Unaware of the Problem?

- In 1965, there were 8500 legal abortions.
- In 1976, there were 1,270,000 legal abortions.

Why the Tremendous Change?

On Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court, in answer to a Texas law, decided by a 7-2 opinion that:

- During the first 3 months of pregnancy, states could not place any restrictions on abortion.
- During the 3rd through 6th month, states could regulate the abortion procedure to protect the mother's life.
- During the last 10 weeks, states could protect the life of the child.

The Court Stated That the 14th Amendment Did Not Protect the Unborn.

- Blackmon's statement of the majority opinion said, “the court rejects the Hippocratic oath that says:
 - “I will give no deadly medicine to anyone if asked nor suggest any such counsel, and in like manner, I will not give to a woman a pessary to produce abortion.”

But Does it really concern us?

- It should: we are the “Light and salt of this earth” (Mt. 5:13-16)
 - Example: Hitler’s Germany
- It should: what advice would we give to others?

What Does The Bible Say?

- That all human life is to be respected,
Gen. 9:6
“Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his
blood shall be shed; For in the image of
God He made man.”

What Does The Bible Say?

- That the unborn are children
 - *The same Greek word, "Brephos" is used for the unborn, Lk. 1:41, 44, as for the born, Lk. 2:12,16.*

Unborn

Lk. 1: 41 “And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the **babe leaped in her womb**; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 44 For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the **babe leaped in my womb** for joy.”

Born

Lk. 2: 12 “And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a **Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger**. 16 And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the **Babe lying in a manger.**”

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- That the unborn are children
 - *The same Hebrew word, "Ben" is used for the unborn, Gen. 25:22, 23 as for the born, Gen. 25:4.*

Unborn

Gen 25: 22 “But the **children struggled together within her**; and she said, “If *all is well*, why *am I like this*?” So she went to inquire of the LORD. 23 And the LORD said to her: “**Two nations are in your womb**, Two peoples shall be separated from your body; *One* people shall be stronger than the other, And the older shall serve the younger.”

Born

Gen. 25:4 4 And the sons of Midian *were* Ephah, Ephher, Hanoah, Abidah, and Eldaah. **All these were the children of Keturah.**

What Does The Bible Say?

Christ was a person before His birth, Jno. 1:1-2, and after His birth, Lk. 2:12.

Unborn

Jno. 1:1-2 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.”

Born

Lk. 2:12 “And this *will be* the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger.”

What was Jesus during the nine months in Mary's womb?

Objections:

- It's a woman's right
- What about those who are deformed, etc.