



Abortion in America PART 2

What will the likely overturning of Roe v Wade mean for our nation, for Christians, and how can Floridian citizens make a difference by defending the unborn?

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VISUAL NOTES



today'steaching

It is likely that we will hear of the overturning of Roe vs. Wade sometime this month and today we will give more insight into what that means for our nation, for our state, and what we can do to help get a HEARTBEAT BILL on the 2024 ballot. Last week we noted that...

✓ The Bible and biology are NOT in disagreement that the being in the womb is HUMAN.

1. We first **looked at what the Scriptures say about the unborn and life in the womb**, where the baby in the womb was recognized like a baby outside the womb (Gen 21:22-25, Psalm 139, Lk 1:41-44, 2:12,16), and noted where the same term used for the **baby** (*bréphos*) OUTSIDE the womb is the same term used for the baby INSIDE the womb.

Luke 1:41-44 (NIV) When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, **the baby leaped in her womb**, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 2:12 (NIV) This will be a sign to you: You will find a **baby** wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.

The Greek term translated as **baby** (*bréphos*) is used for the child **in the womb** (as infants or small children).¹

- We saw 3 slides of pictures after an abortion to **PROVE** what kind of being this is - *a HUMAN BEING*.
2. **We saw what the Scriptures said about repentance and forgiveness** (Read Psalm 51).

Psalm 51:14-17 (NET) **Rescue me** from the guilt of murder, O God, the God who delivers me! Then my tongue will shout for joy because of Your deliverance. O Lord, give me the words! Then my mouth will praise you. Certainly you do not want a sacrifice, or else I would offer it; You do not desire a burnt sacrifice.

The sacrifices God desires are a humble spirit— O God, a humble and repentant heart You will not reject.

Ultimately, our forgiveness is found through the Lord Jesus who gave His life to pay for our SINS. You CAN be fully forgiven for your sin through Him!

1 Peter 2:24-25 (NIV) "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by His wounds you have been healed." For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

3. **We discussed some practical ways that WE can make a difference.** (More on that today!)

¹ William Arndt et al., A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 183.

How did we get Here?

Roe v Wade was a case in Texas where the Court was asked whether states can restrict a woman's right to abortion. The Supreme Court said "NO", when in 1973 the Court voted 7 to 2...

- This allowed for abortions up to the point of "viability" (when a child could live outside the womb). Sadly, they did NOT define when this was.
- The Court further stipulated that the health of the mother must play a role in defining viability, but did not define the "health of the mother". Since then, the financial & psychological health of the mother has allowed for abortion - up to the point of birth.

The Supreme Court did not & could not site any specific part in the Constitution nor the Bill of Rights to affirm a 'right' to abortion. Instead, they focused on the right of privacy which is implied in several amendments.

- The **4th Amendment** protects the right of privacy against unreasonable searches and seizures by the government, while the **5th Amendment** provides for the right against self-incrimination, which justifies the protection of private information.
- A person's 'right to privacy' was the determining factor in sidestepping state restrictions of abortion.

How Can We Make a Difference to Defend the Unborn?

1. **GIVE** to *A Woman's Pregnancy Center* to help provide for mothers who choose to keep their babies. You can do that through our church budget, giving directly to *A Woman's Pregnancy Center*, providing resources like diapers throughout the year, and participating in the annual dinner fundraiser.
2. **SERVE** people and **SHOW** them the love of Jesus through your actions.
 - Ask Jenny Starling - *The Pregnancy Center* director - how you can help (850-973-6970).
 - **Consider fostering or adopting.** Jay & Jessica Johnson can give you insight on both fostering and adopting. Christians have a long tradition of adopting children that others don't want. **Fosterflorida.org**.
3. **VOTE** to move representatives *OUT* of office who support abortion and move representatives *IN* who support LIFE from the womb to the tomb. Elections have consequences.
4. **PRAY.** Our nation is on the edge of minimizing the number of human babies ABORTED, and might eventually outlaw abortion all altogether!
5. **SPEAK.** Speak up for the unborn and against abortion. We need to persuade others that abortion is WRONG.
 - **Ask JUST 1 QUESTION** and keep the question front and center: "**What is IT?**"
 - **SLED** test - Size, Level of Development, Environment, Degree of Dependency
 - **Cut through Smoke Screens with well reasoned responses.**
 - **Get prepared** to engage others with truth, grace, and good reasoning.
 - 🔍 Watch **180** film by Living Waters (<https://bit.ly/3Mz8SIg>)
 - 🔍 **Destroying the 7 Most Popular Pro-Abortion Arguments** (<https://bit.ly/3zztrRV>)
 - 🔍 **Watch Apologia Church on YouTube** on college campus: (<https://bit.ly/3mDtdBw>)

What Happens When Roe v Wade Gets Overturned?

Abortion restrictions will be determined by the individual STATES. Florida numbers have been rising.

- Governor De Santis signed 15-week abortion ban that will go into effect on July 1, 2022, but most abortions in Florida take place before that, within the 1st trimester (before 13 weeks).

Florida could become a 'haven state' for those seeking abortions if Roe v. Wade falls

Florida's law banning abortion after 15 weeks will be more lenient than those in other states. Some expect a surge in out-of-state cases this summer.

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7 Reasons



On LSU Campus

Surrounding states have more restrictive abortion laws than Florida does,

- **Alabama & Louisiana** will move from limiting abortion after 20 weeks to ban abortions altogether, as was the case before Roe v Wade in 1973.
- **Georgia & Texas** will move from limiting abortion after 6 weeks (which hasn't been enforced) to ban abortions.
- **South Carolina** would move to limit abortions after 6 weeks.

✗ Unless Florida law changes, then many wanting abortions from these states would likely come here.

Let's Support the Human Life Protection Amendment

Human Life Amendment: "All HUMAN BEINGS HAVE A RIGHT TO LIFE REGARDLESS OF AGE, ILLNESS, OR DISABILITY WHEN THERE IS A DETECTABLE HEARTBEAT."

✓ WE NEED ALMOST 900,000 PETITIONS SIGNED BY FEB 1, 2024.

- That's only 8% of the votes cast by Floridians in the 2020 presidential election. We need to get the word out!
- Petitions can be gathered through churches, local events, pregnancy center events, and local elections.
- We need to get the word out for **about 1,100 voters to sign this petition** in Madison County.

Proverbs 24:11-12 (CSB)

Rescue those being taken off to death, and save those stumbling toward slaughter. If you say, "But we didn't know about this," won't he who weighs hearts consider it? Won't he who protects your life know? Won't he repay a person according to his work?

Those **taken off to death** certainly applies to the unborn, but it also applies to the men and women who have participated in or are considering participating in this wicked action - people who will carry the pain of what they have done the rest of their lives. **But there is hope!** We can help protect the unborn and tell others about the good news of Jesus!

Who Will GO?

Romans 10:14-15 (NLT)

But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "**How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!**"

What IS that Good News?

Romans 10:9-11, 13 (NLT)

If you openly **declare that Jesus is Lord** and **believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead**, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."...For "**Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**"

If you need to talk more about your spiritual condition OR you have a need we can help with, please call...

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Have questions and need some help? ...real soon...how about now? Please **call** or **text** us soon!

- * Contact **Jackie** (850-673-1582), **Christy** (850-673-9764), or another follower of Jesus soon!
- * Or call our **deacons & wives**: Alan & Christy Androski (850-464-1428), Steve & Debbie Bass (850-673-7952), Tim & Joni Hughey (850-464-1156), Mark & Dot Mancil (850-253-5405), Boss & Amelia Mulkey (850-464-6717), Jim & Derita Pinkard (850-464-6188), Fain & Linda Poppell (850-464-1282), or Tom & Martha Waddail (850-973-0011).

discussionquestions

Take some time to discuss these questions with your family, friends, or group.

1. What challenged/encouraged you most from today's teaching? Explain why.
2. Why can asking "**Just 1 Question: What is IT?**" - help you get past many of the smokescreens from those who support abortion?
3. Discuss how the **SLED Test** can help counter those who argue that a pre-born human fetus is less human or less valuable than those who have already been born.
4. **Read Proverbs 24:11-12.** What is the warning for those who know about the impending death of others (e.g. unborn babies) who *say* and *do nothing* to protect their lives?
5. Consider watching one of the 3 videos mentioned today (see the QR code or digital link on visual notes) and discuss how the Christians engage others on the topic of abortion. What can we learn from this?
6. Take some time to PRAY for the Supreme Court and to pray for lost friends who need Jesus.