

### Justice That Will Not Be Miscarried!

We need to ask some fundamental questions concerning our topic today ... miscarriage or abortion. What year did abortion become legal in the United States? How did abortion become legal? What is abortion? When does human life begin? When does human life end? These are important questions for us to answer.

First, let's start with the very word “abortion.” The word can be defined to mean “induced miscarriage” or “medically forced miscarriage.” This is not a “natural” miscarriage or a “natural biological loss of a baby” but a willful destruction of an infant in the womb. Removal of a “fetus,” a Latin term for baby, means destroying an infant that has already attached to the uterine wall of its mother. From the moment of conception, the fetus or baby is, genetically speaking, all it's ever going to be. Each new baby, fetus, or person has 23 pairs of chromosomes or 46 in all. For each pair, you get one chromosome from your mother and one from your father. The fetus or baby is not a random blob of flesh, a cyst, or a growth that does not belong in the mother's body. The baby is a reproduction, genetically speaking, mirroring the image of both parents. The baby is supposed to be there! This is how reproduction of the human race happens. It is the only way it happens!

When did abortion become legal in the United States? It became legal January 22, 1973. Before that time, abortion was mostly illegal in many states, and when we say “abortion,” we mean induced or forced medical miscarriage or the wanton destruction of an infant inside the mother's womb. This was the reason it was outlawed!

When does human life begin? What do the courts say about the beginning of human life? The courts have not declared when life begins. In some places abortion is allowed even when a

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woman is fully dilated in the ninth month of pregnancy. Late term abortions show this most vividly! Some have even suggested that a woman should have the right to abort a “fetus” 24 hours after birth.

When does human life end? What do the courts say about the end of human life? They seem more settled on this question. There’s a considerable consensus that says you are dead when your brain waves cease, or your heart has stopped, or you stop breathing, or your body is decaying. The courts appears much more careful about handling a dead body than a live baby inside its mother!

When does human life begin? What does God say about the beginning of human life? God says in His Word, Psalm 139 verse 13: “God created the deepest parts of my being; God put me together inside my mother's body.” So, we say, as Christians, that life begins at conception. As Christians, we might even say life begins when God decides it begins. God chose us to belong to Christ before the world was created. He chose us to be holy and without blame in His eyes. He loved us.<sup>1</sup> Did you hear that? God chose us before He made the world! Genesis 1 verse 27: “So God created man [that is, people] in his own likeness, he created him [people] in the likeness of God; he created them [people] as male and female.” We are no mere animals! No! We are each a reflection of the Almighty and Eternal God! Kings and queens of His creation, in His likeness!

When does human life end? What does God say about the ending of human life? The Bible tells us that there is physical and spiritual life and also a physical and spiritual death. When God speaks in the Bible about death, He is often speaking about spiritual or eternal death in hell.

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<sup>1</sup> [\*New International Reader's Version\*](#). (1st ed., Eph 1:4). (1998). Zondervan.

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God does not talk so much about death being a physical occurrence, or "temporal death," which is separation of the body from the soul. Temporal or earthly death is not as important to God as spiritual or eternal death in hell. Genesis 2:16-17 states, "The Lord God commanded the man saying, 'You may surely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat it you shall surely die.'" Adam and Eve died spiritually right away and were separated from God and were afraid of Him. This is called the Great Fall. However, their bodies would follow much later. Adam died (physically) 930 years later!

God still talks much about spiritual death to this very day. Ephesians 2:1-2: "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience." Jesus says in Matthew 10:28, "...and do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear him who can destroy both body and soul in hell." In Luke 12:5 we read, "But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!" Clearly, the God of the Bible--the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit--sees the world much differently than our courts and culture do! God tells us that He is the beginning and ending of all things. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Almighty God, Creator and owner of this world!

And a question for all people: Is abortion murder? This is serious and is no trivial matter because we all must stand before the judgment seat of God. We will have to answer this question: What did you do with My world?

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Abortion is the taking of a human life, and therefore it breaks the Fifth Commandment: “Thou shall not murder!” Life is holy and sacred! Life is a gift from God! Recently, we have witnessed many murders at our schools, even our elementary schools, and this is abhorrent, horrific, a terrible tragedy, and it makes all of us feel sickened!

We should be teaching our children and all who will listen about the importance of life! That it is a precious gift from God! That it is sacred! And that we are created in the image of an almighty, merciful, and compassionate God! We are not cannibals that kill and destroy our own! Is it any wonder, though, that we have this kind of behavior and murder when we allow such a thing as abortion? It demeans life! There is no place for this in our country!

Jesus died and rose again on Easter Sunday to bring us eternal life! He came to give us life ... an abundant life! Thank God He forgives our sins so we will have life forever in heaven. Yes, God forgives all our sins. Pray for mothers and babies. Pray for God to give them strength and love and forgiveness. Pray God will heal His people!

Now what we do? We often say to a pregnant woman, “I pray your baby is born healthy.” Do we mean only physically healthy, or do we mean spiritually healthy? Yes, the answer is both! We want babies to be born physically healthy, but more importantly, we want them to be born spiritually healthy. This is the same as David’s prayer for his son. In the same way, we pray for people around the world, and we ask God to send the Holy Spirit to give people faith.

In the catechism we say from Matthew 6: “Your father knows what you need before you ask Him” (240). “So also we know His will [want] happens without our prayer, but we pray, His will [want] be done without hindrance [barriers] among us also” (263). God knows everything

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before we ask, and we pray for all babies (even those in the womb) and trust God will do His will.

Psalm 51:5 tells us we are all conceived with sin. We are separated from God. We pray for all babies that are not yet born, that will be miscarried, that will be aborted—and we ask God to send His Holy Spirit to these babies. We pray that God will give physical and spiritual health to these babies!

We pray for the mothers and their families who are struggling in different situations. We pray that God will give them strength and send people around them to support, help, and guide them. Often they think they cannot handle a deaf child, or a child with Down syndrome, or many other situations. We pray for them and we find ways to reach out to them, support them, and share God’s promises with them.

We partner with places who provide Christian care for pregnant woman and new mothers. We want to help them take care of their children. We want everyone to know God’s love and forgiveness in their life, even those among us who have participated in abortion before!

All life is sacred and a gift from our Creator! May God who has granted us life, who has saved us from hell by His death on the cross, who has promised to bring us into heaven, who has built heavenly places for us to live, who has made us in His image—grant us peace and compassion for the sanctity of every human life! AMEN!