

Sanctity of Life Sunday- 2006 Planet Patricide Scott Brown

Sanctity of Life Sunday is observed in thousands of churches across America. It marks the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, a court case which was decided in 1973. 2006 marks the 33rd anniversary of the decision which made abortion legal in the United States.

For me, this is without question, the most difficult Sunday in our church calendar. When you engage this subject you are confronted with oceans of sorrow that come from rebellion against God's kind intentions that run through all of His commands and principles. There is incalculable pain and suffering surrounding this procedure that I am driven into a deep heaviness each time I spend a week pondering the implications of Roe v. Wade. This Sunday is always a shocking reminder that there is a horrible evil at work in the background in our country every day.

My treatment of this subject this year will follow three main points:

- I. Twenty three spokes around the hub of abortion
- II. Six biblical pillars of the sanctity of life
- III. Call for action and prayer

It is easier to give the statistics and report that since 1973 we have had 45 million abortions than it is to say that we have exterminated more babies than the current population of the state of California – the sixth largest economy in the world.

It is easier to say that the abortion mentality affects attitudes toward childbirth, than it is to say that one result of this philosophy is that 45% of the women of childbearing age in Brazil have been sterilized.

It is easier to say that abortion is the result of a culture of sexual promiscuity than it is to say that our promiscuity has desensitized us so much that we are willing to go into a mother's womb and scald and dismember one out of every three pregnancies in the US. In Russia it is two out of every three. Russia was the first nation in the world to legalize abortion in 1921 and now there are more abortions than births.

One abortionist alone in Wichita, Kansas, George Tiller, - who is famous for late term abortions up to the ninth month - has personally killed over 60,000 babies. We will deal more with him later.

Abortion is genocide – even here in North Carolina.

Abortion is the leading cause of death in North Carolina with 26,708 deaths last year. Heart disease is way behind with 18,648 deaths. You may think it extreme to say that we have genocide taking place here in our beautiful state of North Carolina. So, let's define "Genocide."

Webster's New World Encyclopedia, Prentice Hall General Reference, 1992, defines "genocide" as,

"The deliberate and systematic destruction of a national, racial, religious, political, cultural, ethnic, or other group defined by the exterminators as undesirable."

The "national group" is American including North Carolina residents.

The "undesirable" are unborn children and they are now being destroyed at the rate of nearly 1 out of every 3 conceived. They are being terminated in a nationwide network of killing centers.

The "Merck Manual of Medical Information" reports,

"In the United States, about 25% of all pregnancies are ended by elective abortion, making it one of the most common surgical procedures performed."

This condition was facilitated by a feminist attorney who argued against the federal government statute that made abortion illegal - Ms. Sarah Weddington. Roe v. Wade was her first contested case. She was the only

one willing to do it for free.

Ms. Weddington argued that the Texas law was unconstitutional because of the infringement on a woman's right to privacy, as well as their supposed violation of the 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th and 14th amendments to the U.S. Constitution. The subsequent victory for pro-abortionists overturned every state law banning abortions and opened the door to legalizing a massive underground industry.

The Truth about Roe v. Wade that most people do not know is that today in the United States of America, abortion is legal through all 9 months of pregnancy in all 50 states.

Roe vs. Wade, 410 U.S. 113, 1973, established the right to abort, but Doe vs. Bolton, 410 U.S. 179, 1973, ruled at page 192, that "no abortion could be prohibited if sought to terminate a pregnancy which threatens a woman's health." The Court defined "health" so broadly as to include "emotional, psychological, familial, and ... age ..." related factors, which made it functionally impossible for any government to prohibit any abortion.

Note also that the "Supremacy Clause" of the U.S. Constitution nullifies state law to the contrary.

The Impact of Roe v Wade:

Since 1973, 46 million Americans have been aborted. This means that roughly 15% of the current U.S. Population are not here because they were killed sometime before their birth.

Sarah Weddington was perfectly correct on one issue. She said that she believed that,

"The issue of abortion was the hub of a wheel that affected all of the spokes of the wheel of life."

... and that

"women could not make key decisions about the spoke issues: family size, education, employment, health concerns, and much more without the ability to make reproductive decisions."

You can find this statement on Sarah Weddington's web site.

When considering abortion, we are pondering a host of surrounding forces that add up to a genocidal, matricidal, patricidal work of darkness. These forces are at work and can be detected in the cultural delivery systems in songs, movies, books, educational institutions, and even through some of the attitudes and assumptions that we find in the thinking of people in our churches.

This morning I want to give you three major categories of thinking about the sanctity of life.

First, I want to present to you 23 spokes around the hub of abortion. Second, I want to give you biblical arguments for the sanctity of life, and third, I will issue a call to action and prayer that includes specific things you can do.

I. Twenty three genocidal, matricidal, patricidal spokes "of the wheel of life" around the hub of abortion.

1. Abortion brings us face to face with the rampant sexual sin that is unraveling culture for it has disconnected people from the principle of sexual immorality and makes it appear to be a no fault lifestyle.

Abortion drives home the idea that it does not matter what you do sexually, because the consequences can be fixed with a simple legal procedure.

2. It confronts us with the millions of broken hearted women who wish they had never had an abortion.

PAS (Post Abortion Syndrome) is real. If you want to hear the real story about the sorrows that accompany this safe, legal procedure, google it... and weep.

3. It exposes the culture of death that we see all over the world.

This came vividly close to home last year with the brutal starvation on national television of Terri Schiavo who had parents and siblings who desperately wanted to care for her, yet she was starved to death while the pundits and commentators re-defined it as some kind of compassionate act when in fact it was murder. We saw how so many in our culture have already mentally and philosophically legitimized euthanasia and assisted suicide, paving the way for the assisted living death camps that are cropping up all over the nation. It is possible that there, increasingly, the elderly will be legally starved to death and deprived of water – by the millions.

4. With the culture of abortion we are forced to ponder the collapse of biblical manhood and the emergence of massive numbers of men who did not protect their women in the first place and then abandoned them.

There are at least 45 million men walking the streets and entering our churches who stood by and watched their seed be destroyed on the altar of their own sacred priorities and pleasures.

5. Abortion is a form of racial genocide.

This was intended to be from the beginning in the minds of the abortion visionaries like Margaret Sanger. Today, we are watching before our eyes a racial genocide of unbelievable percentages of black children.

6. With the consideration of abortion we have been the silent bystanders of the decimation of the next generation of care givers.

We have eliminated 45 million care givers through abortion. This does not count those who were never born because of contraception.

7. The neutralizing reduction of democratic voters

Wall Street Journal June 28, 2004 an article called “The Empty Cradle Will Rock” subtitle: How abortion is exterminating the Democrats – literally.

Liberals have one third more abortions than conservatives.

There are 19,748,000 Democrats not with us today because of abortion.

There are 13,900,000 Republicans not with us today because abortion.

The Democrats have lost 5,848,000 more voters than the Republicans

“Examining these results through a partisan political lens, the Democrats have given the Republicans a decided advantage in electoral politics, one that grows with each election. Moreover, it is an advantage that they can never regain. Even were abortion declared illegal today, and every single person complied with the decision, the advantage would continue to grow until the 2020 election, and would stay at that level through the voting lifetime of most Americans living today.”

Republican President signed H.R. 4818 into law, authorizing the highest ever spending level for Title X in the history of the program, on December 8, 2004. It became Public Law No. 108-447.

Republicans and even the current president is heavily involved in abortion funding. This Financial Year (2005) the Bush administration provided Title X funding level at \$288 million (an estimated \$50-\$60 million of which will be paid to Planned Parenthood Federation of America, for population control), exceeds by over \$30 million, the highest Title X level during the Clinton administration, in Financial Year 2001, of \$254 million!

8. Euthanasia.

Euthanasia, also called “mercy killing” is defined as “the act of putting to death painlessly or allowing to die, as by withholding extreme medical measures, a person or animal suffering from an incurable, esp. a painful, disease or condition.” Francis Schaeffer predicted thirty years ago that if we opened the door to abortion, it would not be very long before we were euthanizing our elderly. Enter the growth of euthanasia, eugenics and the rise of the death with dignity crowd who maintain that “quality of life” issues give me the freedom to kill you for “good” reasons.

This new reality is the chief philosophy which is producing old folk's homes which are in danger of becoming more like death camps than care centers.

9. Desensitizing redefinitions of terms:

In our Bible Study this week, one of the young boys said: "abortion is just another fancy word for killing babies". But the abortion defenders use terms like:

Tissue

Fetus

Procedure

Family planning

Choice

Women's health center

In reality it is the scalding and poisoning and dismembering of babies made in the image of God. It is one aspect of the war against the seed of the woman, Genesis 3:15.

10. Patricide.

The culture of abortion sums up the patricidal influences at work in the world today. To understand the idea of patricide, it helps to understand the meaning of the word, "patriarchy." It is a combination of two words, "Pater" which means, "father", and "arche" which means "rule." Put together they mean, "father rule," depicting a social organization characterized by the supremacy of the father in the family that includes the legal dependence of wife and children. Patricide then, means "father killing." Abortion is the killing of the seed of fathers and rejecting him from the decision equation of keeping or killing his baby.

11. Rising male exploitation of women.

Abortion is primarily a male sin against women. Its central feature is men using women as sex objects without taking any responsibility for caring for them or their children. Abortion is a men's problem... men abandoning women. This is the rotten core of the whole issue.

12. Abortions at home.

Abortion further legitimizes the use of spermicides and contraceptives like RU 486, in order to wage the same war against fruitfulness and multiplication, but in the privacy of ones own home.

13. Abortion as Birth control.

Pro abortionists used to say that providing abortion to women would insure that "every child would be a wanted child". It is no accident that contraception and abortion accompanied the 1973 decision. A child became a "choice" - or something YOU wanted or did not want and could get rid of if you wished.

This philosophy also diminishes the role of the sovereignty of God, placing who gets to enter the world and who does not in the hands of men.

A gruesome American example: Abortionist George Tiller. Here is his business logo. It reveals much about his business objectives. He has carved out a profitable niche in late term abortions:

"Late Abortion Care Elective

At Women's Health Care Services, we specialize in "late" abortion care. We are able to perform elective abortions to the time in the pregnancy when the fetus is viable. Viability is not a set point in time. Viability is determined by the attending physician and is based on sonogram results, physical examination and last menstrual period date (if known). Our telephone counselors will ask you a number of medical questions to determine if you are eligible for an elective abortion. If you have visited another clinic or physician, we will ask

for the results from a recent ultrasound.

Kansas law allows for post-viability abortion procedures when continuing the pregnancy is detrimental to the pregnant woman's health. Each person's circumstances are reviewed on a case-by-base basis. Please call so that we can discuss admission criteria with you."

14. Feminism.

One of the key propositions of feminism is that men are not necessary. It is a father neutralizing philosophy of life that exalts a woman's rights above her creation order callings and duties. Even though abortion is largely a male problem (males who do not love women or take responsibility to love and care for them) the feminist influence makes the father a zero - his opinion is eliminated from the equation. Feminism is one form of cultural patricide.

15. Fuel for anti child philosophies of life.

We live in a culture that proposes the idea that children are an imposition and an impediment to success. It also expresses itself in young couples who marry, put off having children so that they can fulfill their career dreams or their need to get to know one another first.

We were told by the pro abortion crowd that abortion would reduce child abuse making "every child a wanted child." On the contrary, child abuse has skyrocketed since Roe v Wade.

16. Planned Parenthood

Margaret Sanger was the racist founder of Planned Parenthood. Her diabolical racist worldview was showcased in her brainchild, "The Negro project", where her strategy was to engage black pastors to champion her abortion and sterilization cause through black churches in America. Here is how she felt about children and family:

"The most merciful thing a large family can do to one of its infant members is to kill it." ~ Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood, is the most anti child and anti parenting organization in the world. They are demanding unrestricted access to minors. They want to shut out parents entirely from a daughters decision that cannot help but have long term health and spiritual and psychological consequences.

17. Sexual revolution.

In the sixties we were taught that sexual intercourse should not be governed by any laws but should simply be confined to relationships of "mutual consent". Abortion accelerated the spread of immorality by fueling the sexual revolution's philosophy of free love without responsibility or moral categories.

18. Delay of marriage.

The culture of abortion causes a delay of marriage as people swing from relationship to relationship without any bonds of family or sexual responsibility. In this sense, we see the cruel nature of sin which always steals, kills and destroys.

19. Greenpeace, PETA, Geese Peace and the exaltation of the fertility of animals while demeaning the fertility of humans.

Thus, the culture of abortion exalts the fertility of animals above the fertility of human fathers and mothers. It is illegal in North Carolina to shoot into a squirrel nest, It is a felony to break a sea turtle egg in NC and Florida, but it is somehow noble to kill life in a human womb. The right to fertility for animals is held above the right of humans made in the image of God.

20. Downfall of marriage.

There are many expressions of this. First, let's mention Illegitimacy. 33% of children are born to unwed mothers. Forty years after the pill still half of all US pregnancies are unwanted. Second, let's consider the cohabitation revolution - living together before marriage. Third, the growth of the philosophy of reproduction without marriage: we live in a day where in-vitro, assisted reproduction is available to anyone willing or able to

pay for it. Marriage is not necessary and designer babies are the new passion, not only for the married couple, but also for the unmarried and the homosexual.

21. Homosexual revolution.

Homosexuality is the redefining and damaging of marriage. The culture of abortion has escalated the demolition of the boundaries in terms of gender. This destroys fertility that God intended for relationships. Redefinitions of marriage and abortion are companion philosophies.

22. The war against the family.

The philosophy that drives abortion rights, sums up the anti family influences at work in our world today. One day after a Bible study on the subject of the sanctity of life, a boy came to me and said that the main issue here is summed up in the word "enmity" (Gen 3:15). He was referring to enmity against God. Contrary to the prophecies of the abortion rights apologists, In the first 10 years after legalization of abortion, child abuse increased over 500%. (US Dept. of HHS 1991)

23. Self Destruction.

See the book of Proverbs and the many references of the self destructiveness of sin. Sin always takes one down to the pit of death and inflicts sorrows for the living.

II. The Six Pillars of the Sanctity of Life – A Biblical view of Pregnancy, Fertility and Life in a Mother's Womb.

A perusal of the scripture passages that argue against abortion reveal that abortion is an attack on the entire Bible. In the Law, the Prophets, the Poetic books, the Pauline Epistles, and the Gospels we find evidence of the sacredness of life in the womb and the sovereignty of God at work in conception.

All of the scriptural data points listed below argue that there should be equal protection under the law for life in the womb.

The Six Pillars of the Sanctity of Life:

1. Man is made in the image of God, Genesis 1:26-27

"Let us make man in our image, according to Our likeness" ...man is made in the image of God. Additionally, God's words to Noah confirm this fact.

"So God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them: "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be on every beast of the earth, on every bird of the air, on all that move on the earth, and on all the fish of the sea. They are given into your hand. Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man. And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; Bring forth abundantly in the earth And multiply in it." Genesis 9:1-7

The instruction of Genesis 9:1-7 that man is made in the image of God puts the following issues squarely on the table. First, is the issue of personhood. This contradicts the Supreme Court decision that ruled that the Constitution does not recognize a child in the womb of a mother as a "person" entitled to protection of the due process clause in the 14th amendment.

Hear Jonathan Sarfati:

"Many people, sadly including many Christians, think abortion is a difficult and controversial issue. But there should be no difficulty or controversy at all—there are only two issues to consider:

- 1. Is the unborn child ("fetus") a human being?*
- 2. If so, is it ever acceptable to kill the unborn?"*

The answer to both questions is clear from the Bible, starting in Genesis. Genesis 25:21–22 states: *“and Rebekah his [Isaac’s] wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her, ...”*

Note that Rebekah’s unborn twins, Jacob and Esau, are referred to as “children” (the Hebrew word used, “banim”, is the usual word for sons after birth). Unborn babies are not disposable clumps of tissue, despite the claims of many pro abortionists. They are human right from fertilization, because all the DNA coding needed to build each individual’s physical features is there in the fertilized egg.

The second pillar of the sanctity of life and a Biblical view of pregnancy, fertility and life in a mother’s womb is the doctrine of fertility and multiplication.

2. Man is created and commanded to be fruitful and multiply, Genesis 1:24

“Our sister, may you become The mother of thousands of ten thousands; And may your descendants possess The gates of those who hate them.” Genesis 24:60

There is no indication anywhere in scripture that we are authorized to end pregnancies. On the contrary, we are commanded to be fruitful and multiply. Fruitfulness contradicts the philosophy of abortion and other limitations of childbearing.

The third pillar of the sanctity of life and a Biblical view of pregnancy, fertility and life in a mother’s womb is the doctrine of murder.

3. Man shall not murder, Exodus 20:13 “Thou shalt not kill”

This commandment is perhaps the most powerful argument against abortion. If you only had Exodus 20:13 and nothing else to point to in scripture, it would be enough to condemn the practice.

In Exodus 21:22-24, Moses is indicating that harming life in the womb is a crime worthy of punishment. We don’t have time to develop this idea here but be assured that the concept of the “womb” in the Pentateuch brings us to very tender language that leads us to honor and protect it.

“If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman’s husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23 But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, 24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe” Exodus 21:22-24

When Pharaoh instituted mandatory late term killing of the male children, it was the fear of God in the midwives that kept them from participating. *“they feared God and would not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive.* Exodus 1:15-22

The fourth pillar of the sanctity of life and a Biblical view of the formation of life in a mother’s womb.

4. Man is formed by the hand of God at conception

“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, The days fashioned for me, When as yet there were none of them”. Psalm 139:13-16

In the same way, Jeremiah declares that he was known by the Lord before his conception,

“Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you”,

Jeremiah 1:5

This idea is supported by the anger of the Lord against those who would tamper with life in the womb,

“Thus says the Lord: “For three transgressions of the people of Ammon, and for four, I will not turn away its punishment, Because they ripped open the women with child in Gilead, That they might enlarge their territory. But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, And it shall devour its palaces, Amid shouting in the day of battle, And a tempest in the day of the whirlwind. Their king shall go into captivity, He and his princes together,” Says

the Lord." Amos 1:13-15

The fifth pillar of the sanctity of life and a Biblical view of pregnancy, fertility and life in a mother's womb is the argument for the consciousness of life in the womb.

5. Life in the womb is spiritually conscious life, Luke 1:41, Luke 1:15

Example: John the Baptist, *"and it happened when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the baby leaped in her womb,"* Luke 1:41

"He will be filled with the spirit, even from his mother's womb," Luke 1:15

"Now Isaac pleaded with the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 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." 24 So when her days were fulfilled for her to give birth, indeed there were twins in her womb."

Genesis 25:21-24

The sixth pillar of the sanctity of life and a Biblical view of pregnancy, fertility and life in a mother's womb is the doctrine of salvation.

6. Life in the womb is ordained by God before the foundation of the world.

Paul said,

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved." Ephesians 1:4

Now I would like to turn our attention to practical responses to these principles of scripture.

III. Call to Action and Prayer...What to do,

1. Speak up for those who are being led to death.

2. Speak up against the child diminishing philosophies of the day. Wage war. Do not fear to speak up for the biblical worldview. There seem to be fewer and fewer in our culture who even understand the issues and can defend the right to life from scripture. Since *Roe v Wade* certain things have happened that contradict what many people have believed about life in a mother's womb.

3. The current activism is to limit abortion, not stop it, lets expose and resist this.

President Bill Clinton said, abortion should be "safe, legal and rare." This is where the current activism is focused, and it is misplaced. The current pro life activity is focused on limiting abortion not ending it.

4. Pray for parental consent laws. They have a dramatic impact on the number of abortions that are ultimately performed.

5. Expose that duplicity of the principle that abortion should be limited, "except in cases of rape, incest and threat to the life of the mother." This activism, though it has decreased abortions in the US, still remains consistent with Bill Clinton's maxim that abortion should be safe, legal and rare.

6. Expose in detail the true nature of the Implications of *Roe v. Wade*.

7. Don't forget two of the scariest words in the English language – Eugenics and genocide:

A. Eugenics: Note the Webster's dictionary definition of eugenics: *"A science that deals with the improvement of hereditary qualities of a race or breed."*

Abortion is being used to eliminate unwanted babies with disabilities and it is being used to eliminate babies who are the wrong gender, in the opinion of the parents.

For example, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report that in the 1980's, abortion reduced the number of children with Down's Syndrome born to white women over 35 in the metro Atlanta area by about 70%.

Exodus 4:11 shows us that it is God's sovereignty which controls who is born and their condition. *'So the Lord said to him, Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord'*

B. Genocide: Webster's New World Encyclopedia, Prentice Hall General Reference, 1992, defines "genocide" as "The deliberate and systematic destruction of a national, racial, religious, political, cultural, ethnic, or other group defined by the exterminators as undesirable."

8. The Issue of 'pro life' Politicians

Politicians qualify as pro life as long as they support any measure limiting abortion.

Kay Baily Hutchison, a Texas Republican, is pro choice. But she has a voting record that is judged almost perfect by the National Right to Life Committee. How did this happen. She was in favor of the partial birth abortion bill, parental notification and public funding. This is why one third of the pro choice voters voted for President Bush.

The most dramatic example of this is the partial birth abortion bill. With this bill politicians could pose as pro life, but sponsor a bill that would have zero impact on abortion in the US. The President has the authority to cut off all funds to Planned Parenthood as well as other abortion after markets like fetal tissue research.

Our president authorized (approved legislation) to allocate 50-60 million dollars to be given to Planned Parenthood and other abortion activist groups which exceeded the Clinton Administration's 30 million.

He has failed to stop the Food and Drug Administration from authorizing the distribution of RU 486, the abortion pill which has already been used to snuff out the lives of thousands of unborn children; even as it has placed at risk the lives and health of mothers who have decided to kill their own children

The President believes that abortion should be legal in the case of rape or incest or to protect the life of the mother. This is why it is accurate to proclaim that President Bush is not exactly pro life. He is pro life with exceptions, and he is responsible for the largest amount of money ever allocated to Planned Parenthood – far out- Clintoning Clinton.

We should pray daily for the President in this matter that he would have a change of heart.

These are matters for prayer and activism...

9. Prayer for Supreme Court Justices

The President has authority to appoint Supreme Court Justices. This is the most fearsome thing about the Bush administration to Planned Parenthood. They fear that he will appoint justices who hold that life begins at conception, which could work to overturn Roe v. Wade.

10. We should offer prayer for our President's family members and many top cabinet members for they are mostly pro choice.

The Vice President and his entire family are pro choice. President Bush's mother, Barbara is pro choice, and his wife Laura and daughters are also pro choice. Perhaps this might explain why, in 2005 he signed for more money given to Planned Parenthood in history – almost twice as much as was allocated by President Clinton.

11. Pray for a Christian worldview to be acquired in the church.

The Christians from the town of Berea were an example of true nobility in this regard. Instead of being mean spirited, they were Bible spirited. They examined everything they heard through the lens of the Word of God. This is how the church maintains her saltiness and light in society. They know God's Word, and because of it, they know what is right and wrong.

This is how Christians maintain a Christian worldview. They begin to think like Christians because they immerse themselves in the best Christian literature – the Bible.

Christians do not think Christianly anymore for a number of reasons. Why?

First, Christians read thousands of pages of pagan literature and call it education and they are sending their children to be educated by pagans... and it is unavoidable that these children think like pagans.

Second, Christians absorb a worldly perspective as they allocate thousands of hours to watch program after program of immoral, atheistic television programs and movies.

Last week I sent out a list of scripture passages from every corner of the Bible which should inform our position on abortion. The Bible does give a framework from which to understand the issue. An understanding of the Bible is our best weapon against the child hating, family despising mentality that rules the institutions and the airwaves of our modern world.

Summary:

We have just listed twenty three genocidal, matricidal, patricidal spokes "of the wheel of life" around the hub of abortion. We have identified Six Pillars of the sanctity of life which give a Biblical view of pregnancy, fertility and life in a mother's womb, and we have issued a call to action and prayer.

What does this all mean?

Abortion is an attack on the entire Bible. In the Law, the Prophets, the Poetic books, the Pauline Epistles and the Gospels we find evidence of the sacredness of life in the womb and the sovereignty of God at work in conception. There should be equal protection under the law for life in the womb, but because of the current conditions the whole creation groans.

There is enormous pain in the church of Jesus Christ because of this law that opened the door to the horrors of abortion. This pain can only be relieved by repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. God is holy, but it is a merciful holiness toward sinners. All of our thoughts regarding abortion should lead us somewhere. They lead us to the foot of the cross of Jesus Christ, for it is only here that we can find peace. We are pondering a great evil in the light of the glory of Jesus Christ and the enormity of His mercy toward us. *"This is a faithful saying, Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief"* I Timothy 1:15

This is why we can pray with confidence,

"Who is a God like You, Pardoning iniquity And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, Because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, And will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins Into the depths of the sea. You will give truth to Jacob And mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old." Micah 7:18-20

How can we consider this grave and difficult subject without being driven to our knees for our own sin to seek refuge in Christ, for *"All we have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, but the free gift of God is eternal life."*