

50 Million Blessings

Last week, the U.S. marked the 38th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*. The Alan Guttmacher Institute estimates that there have almost been 50 million abortions performed since 1973. Although the number of abortions in the United States has dropped precipitously since the early 1980s, the procedure still remains a prevalent form of birth control in this country and around the world. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, there were 846,181 abortions in the U.S. in 2006, the latest year for which government records are available. Amazingly, according to Guttmacher, 35% of all U.S. women will have had an abortion by age 45. The Institute also reported that 93% of all abortions occur for "social reasons" such as a mother's decision that the child is unwanted or "inconvenient."

Psalm 127:3 says, "*Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*" Children are blessings from God, and are not to be "terminated" for "social reasons." Tragically, the blood of the innocent has been shed in the land, sacrificed to the god of "personal convenience." The Bible provides the necessary steps to solve the abortion "dilemma": (1) Flee fornication; (2) learn to love, appreciate, and care for the baby; (3) learn to trust God for the strength to face any hardships life brings and study His word, pray, and seek help from other Christians; (4) help others who have difficulties caused by the birth of a baby; and, (5) speak out in defense of life and seek to deliver those who are about to be murdered. Murder is never a viable solution to life and its problems. God will deal with murderers (Matthew 19:18; Revelation 21:8; 22:15), for God is not bound by the Supreme Court (John 19:10-11).

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