

## Abortion Is Murder

Someone once said that “A rose by any other name is still a rose,” and so it is. It is not uncommon to change the name of something to make it fit or conform to what we want it to be. In the world of political correctness (PC) calling something for what it really is will be met with scorn. Telling a lie is not lying, it’s just a failure to tell the truth. Running a red traffic light is just a failure to yield, being a drunkard is now substance abuse, illegal aliens are undocumented immigrants, chairman has been changed to chairperson, and so the PC mentality goes. When it comes to abortion, the taking of the life of the unborn, it is a pro-choice matter. Those in favor of “pro-choice” claim that a woman has a right to do with her body what she wants, and that the unborn child is not a person but just a fetus, a piece of unwanted tissue if you will. Governments around the world have given their approval for the abortion process, some even permitting a partial birth abortion. A partial birth abortion takes place as the infant is being born but before it is completely out of the womb. A rose by any other name is still a rose, and murder by any other name is still murder, no matter what the PC people or world governments say or call it. Every abortionist is guilty of murder of the unborn, and every person who assists the abortionist is guilty of being an accomplice of the crime, and all of these people will one day answer to a thrice holy God for what they have done. Someone may ask, “On what authority are such brash statements made?” The answer to this is simple, the Word of God that is forever settled in heaven! Consider a few verses from the Bible and what God has to say about infants as the unborn.

Children are a gift of God: “Lo, children are a heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.” (Ps. 127:3) “Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.” (Isa. 8:18)

Children unborn are declared by God: “And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt call his name Ishmael; ...” (Ge. 16:11) “And the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive and bear a son.” (Judges 13:3) Talking about the future birth of Jesus Christ God said, “For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” (Isa. 9:6) The pregnancy: “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” Matt. 1:21) The conception and birth of the prophet Samuel: “Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord.” I Sam. 1:20) Please notice that in all of these verses the woman is with child, not a useless piece of tissue, and that **unborn person** is a male. Even though they are unborn, God still recognizes them as a person, a human being. God said this!

Children are highly esteemed by God: “Children’s children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.” (Pr. 17:6) “But Jesus said, Suffer (or allow) little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.” (Mt. 19:14) “As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:...” (Ps. 125-4-5)

Infanticide and murder are equal crimes in God’s eyes, and of these God’s Word addresses the issue and the consequences: “And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the stools; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him: ...” (Ex. 1:16) “The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children to the end they might not live.” (Acts 7:19) “And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire of Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.” (Jer. 32:35) This was the practice of child sacrifice for

various selfish reasons and was a heinous crime/sin; modern day abortion is just as vile and wicked. “Thou shalt not kill.” (Ex. 20:13) {The original context makes it perfectly clear that the text is talking about the murder of another person.} “... Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder ...” (Mt. 19:18) “But let none of you suffer as a murderer, ...”

(I Pe. 4:15) “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” (I Jn. 3:15) Murder by any other name is still murder and renaming it will not change the fact. Remember, a rose by any other name is still a rose.

God’s decree for murder: “Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed:...” (Ge. 9:6) This is capital punishment mandated by God Almighty. “He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.” (Ex. 21:12) God does not make a distinction between the infant being in the womb or out of it; the wanton taking of its life is murder and capital punishment is the decree of God. “And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.” “Moreover ye shall take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death: but he shall be surely put to death.” (Numbers 35:16, 31) (God’s decree has been declared and He has not abrogated it – **the willful taking of a life, in or out of the womb is murder in the first degree.**)

The abortionists and their accomplices deserve capital punishment according to God’s Word, but considering the wickedness of worldly governments, that is not likely to happen. And, just for the record, no citizen of any country has the right to take the law into his own hands by engaging in vigilante justice. God, in His own timing, will exact punishment of the abortionists and their accomplices. Make no mistake about it; there will be a payday someday. Every unsaved person will one day stand before the Lord Jesus Christ at His great white throne (Rev. 20:11 “And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.”) where the final judgment will take place. God has been and is keeping a record of man’s actions, and from His record book the judgment will be rendered, “And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.” (Rev. 20:12) “And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Rev. 20:15) “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, {this includes the abortionists and their accomplices} and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” (Rev. 21:8) God said it and that settles it, all we need to do is believe it. But wait, this same thrice holy God offers a remedy. The same Word of God that has declared God’s wrath upon the murderer also contains an offer of forgiveness to the repentant sinner.

“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Rom. 6:23) Death may be justly deserved; however, God offers eternal life instead. And why should He do that you may ask. “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” (Rom. 5:8) Friend, the love of God for you is what compelled Jesus Christ to pay your sin debt. Even for the abortionists and their accomplices God offers hope, not that any deserve it but because of His love for the eternal soul. “For God so loved the world {that is you, friend}, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever {abortionist/accomplices and every other sinner} believeth in him should not perish {end up in hell}, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already {right now, this very moment}, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” (Jn. 3:16-18) Friend, God has done all that He can do for you by providing payment for your sin debt in the person of Jesus Christ on the Cross of Calvary. “Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” (I Pe. 2:24) “How much more shall the

blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living god?” (Heb. 9:14) The payment for sin has been forever settled by the shed blood, death, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ – there is no more sacrifices to be made; nothing can be added to what Christ has already accomplished. “And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.” (Heb. 10:11-12)

For those who do receive Christ as personal Saviour the Word of says: “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

(I Jn. 5:11-13) Those abortionists and accomplices who repent of their sin and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour will cease their abominable practice because, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away: behold, all things are become new.” (II Cor. 5:17)

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