Abortion

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INTRODUCTION

- I want you to understand tonight that abortion is first and foremost a moral issue. It raises questions about who it is we're trying to please in our lives, ourselves or our Lord.
- For those who love Jesus, there is only one way to resolve this thorny issue. And it is not by the ruling of a court or the careful reading of the Constitution, but it's by a study of God's word.
- When people wonder out loud about the odd life that they observe us living, it is an opportunity to say the reason is I live by a different standard, and it comes from God.

1 The Only Relevant Question: What Is the Unborn Child?

- There is only one relevant question that needs to be asked in a discussion about abortion.
- The only question that needs to be asked is how are we going to view the unborn child? What is the unborn child? Is it a living person or is it not?
- Those who favor abortion argue that the unborn child is just a blob of cells. That it's not human life.
- They argue that life begins at the moment of conception, and that the unborn child possesses the same rights that any human being possesses, most importantly, the right to live.

2 The Burden of Proof Rests With Those Who Practice It

- When it comes to that question, the burden of proof is not with those of us who oppose abortion. The burden of proof rests with those who practice it.
- It is their burden of proof to establish without any doubt when life begins, and establish that it is at some other point than in the womb, if they're going to destroy the child in the womb.
- Even the U.S. Supreme Court in its landmark Roe vs. Wade Decision, in essence, dodged the real issue.
- He says, we don't know if what's inside that woman is a living person or not. So I guess we just better pass a law that says, destroy it if you want to.

3 A Woman's Right to Choose Avoids the Real Issue

Romans 6:17–18

- I hear people say that abortion is all about a woman's right to choose.
- We have personal rights, but we also recognize that those rights only extend to the point that they don't interfere with someone else's rights.
- Women certainly have a right to exercise control over their body. But with abortion, there's more than one person involved. It's not just the mother. There's a child there.
- That choice ought to be made in the bedroom and not in the doctor's office.
- Though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed and have been freed from sin, you became Slaves of righteousness.

- We need to talk more about responsibility than we do about rights.

4 The Effect the Child Will Have on the Mother

- They talk a lot about the effect that this child is going to have on the life of the mother.
- She could have made the choice not to get pregnant in the first place.
- How the child will affect the life of the mother has nothing to do at all with whether abortion is right or wrong.

MY NOTES