

Created in the Image of God

Genesis 1:26-28

A recent Supreme Court decision revisiting Roe v. Wade has returned abortion law to individual U.S. states. Obviously, this is a historic and much-prayed-about ruling from the high court. And it leads the Christian believer to study and understand what God's Word reveals to us along these lines.

1. **Research:** God's **view** of the unborn

- God is Creator of all human life (Acts 17:25; Ps. 119:73; Job 31:15, 34:19)
- We are created in His image (Gen. 1:27, 9:6)
- Children are "gifts" from God (Ps. 127:3-5; Gen. 33:5, 48:9)
- Life begins at conception (Jer. 1:4; Luke 1:15; Ps. 139:13-16)
- God has a plan and purpose for you (Ps. 139:16-17; Judges 13:5; Ex. 33:12; Ps. 40:5; John 1:49; Jer. 1:4; Isaiah 49:1,5)
- He commands not to take a life (Ex. 20:13; Mat. 19:18; Rom. 13:9; Isaiah 57:5; Ex. 1:16-17)

This man dealt treacherously with our people, and oppressed our forefathers, making them expose their babies, so that they might not live. (Acts 7:19 NKJV)

- The unborn deserve protection (Ex. 21:22-25; Ps. 106:38; Jer. 22:3; 1 Kgs. 3:27; Deut. 12:31; Judges 13:3-4)

2. Respect: Great **value** of human life (Ecc. 11:5)

Because of the way that God views human life and the way that we've each been "woven in the womb" by Him and made in His image – each human life is incredibly valuable. From "womb to tomb" there should be a sense of dignity, reverence and respect for all human life.

3. Responsibility: Giving **voice** to the voiceless (Prov. 31:8-9)

The people of God must know and understand the Word of God and speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves.

*Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"
He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"
And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood
cries out to Me from the ground. (Gen. 4:9-10 NKJV)*

4. Redemption: Grace and **victory** through the Gospel

Scripture makes it clear that all of us have broken God's law. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23. However, the glorious good news and hope of the Gospel is that God still loves us in spite of ourselves and in spite of our sin. In His great love, He has made a way through the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, to forgive us of all of our sin – no matter how great or grievous that sin might be. We are assured in Scripture that if we will come to God in faith, trusting Him, and in confession and repentance of sin and asking God for His forgiveness, He will remove our sin and make us a part of His family.