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Scripture teaches us that human life is sacred. The intrinsic value of human life comes from God, the creator of life. We are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights, among these, the right to life. We are created in the image of God and are called to defend, protect and value all human life.

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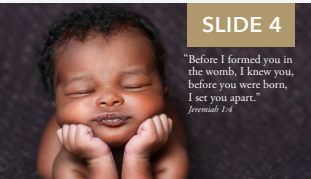
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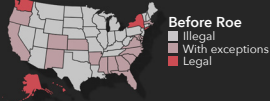
January 22, 1973

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Roe v. Wade
Repealed all state
laws prohibiting
abortion.



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7 out of 9 ruled that all human life is not sacred.

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Two decisions were handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court, Roe v. Wade and its companion case Doe v. Bolton. These decisions struck down the abortion laws of all 50 states, and made abortion-on-demand throughout all nine months of pregnancy the law of the land.

Roe v. Wade legalized abortion in all 50 states. The picture shows Norma McCorvey, also known as Jane Roe. Norma became a Christian in 1995, and a prolife advocate in 1998. She deeply regretted ever being a part of Roe v. Wade, and filed a motion to overturn the decision in 2003. The U.S. Supreme Court rejected the motion.

Before Roe, the vast majority of the states prohibited abortion. In fact, Michigan law states that "Any person who willfully administers to any pregnant woman any medicine, drug, substance, or employs any instrument or other means, with intent to procure an abortion, **unless to preserve the life of the mother**, would be deemed guilty of manslaughter." This law has been in existence since 1846.

The only states where abortion-on-demand was legal prior to 1973 were New York, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii. After Roe v. Wade, the United States became known as having the most permissive abortion law of any nation in western civilization.

Seven unelected judges turned their backs on women and families in need and ruled that not all human life is sacred. This decision disregarded legal tradition, biological evidence, and the ethical traditions of a majority of Americans.

States could still apply restrictions under Roe in the third trimester, unless the "health" of the mother was at stake. This is where Doe v. Bolton becomes relevant.

Doe v. Bolton, the companion case to Roe v. Wade, re-defined the word "health", extending the right to abortion-on-demand to the entire 9 months of pregnancy.

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Doe v. Bolton
Defined health as all factors:

- Physical
- Emotional
- Psychological
- Familial
- Woman's age

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The Miracle of Life
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Doe v. Bolton defined health in very broad terms, encompassing all factors: physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age. This means that an abortion could be performed for any reason agreed upon by the mother and the abortionist.

More than 62 million lives have been lost to abortion since 1973. Observing a 10-second moment of silence for each baby would last 19 years. Though Roe v. Wade was overturned on June 24, 2022, the loss of life continues in many states today.

Every year nearly 1 million are denied the right to life. There are more lives lost to abortion every year in America, than combat deaths from all of our wars, from 1775 to 2021 (656,505).

Why do so many women have abortions? According to the Guttmacher institute, the number one reason for having an abortion, is that the child would interfere with the mother's education or career. In other words, convenience. Other reasons include financial concerns, relationship problems, and being young or unmarried.

Many women express regret after an abortion and say they felt alone when they were pregnant and needing to make decisions about the future. According to a 2010 study published in the Journal of Pregnancy, 67.4% of late-term post-abortive women reported PTSD symptoms, and 86.3% did not receive information about alternatives, prior to the abortion. They were led to believe that abortion was their only choice. Women are grossly misinformed about adoption and parenting options, and many don't have access to a clear ultrasound image of their baby prior to having an abortion. Many are told that the baby in their womb is not a human being, but simply a clump of cells.

It's time to repair the foundation and to recognize that all human life is sacred.

Embryology has revealed the miraculous development of unborn babies. Life begins at conception, the moment of fertilization. At 21 days, the baby's heart starts to beat. By 12 weeks, all major body parts and organs are present, the baby is fully formed. At 20 weeks, the baby is able to move, punch and kick. The baby is able to feel pain.

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3D Ultrasounds provide a glimpse of life in the womb.



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Each person is a masterpiece.



Each person is a masterpiece. Unique, unrepeatable, and loved by God. From conception to natural death, each person has an immeasurable dignity.

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Decide today to defend, protect and value all human life.

Decide today to defend, protect, and value all human life. The past cannot be changed, but today we can be filled with hope for the future. Together, let us build a culture of life.

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"This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it."
Psalms 118:24



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Pray to end abortion.

Pray to end abortion. Pray for those in the abortion industry and for mothers experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Pray for healing for those involved in an abortion. Support your local pregnancy help center by donating diapers, baby clothes, and formula. Volunteer with your local right to life group, and help change the minds and hearts of those who still support abortion.

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Get started today at RTL.org.

Get started today at RTL.org: find a complete, state-wide list of pregnancy help centers and local Right to Life groups. RTL.org has resources for women, and for those seeking to help women in unplanned pregnancies. Just look for the "Find Help" tab. RTL.org offers up-to-date fact sheets and statistics on abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia. Sign up for the e-mail newsletter, or subscribe to the LifeBeat Podcast, to receive the latest prolife news, editorials, and legislative updates.

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Decide today to defend, protect, and value human life. May our decisions be grounded in the fact that all are created in the image of God.