

Children are a Gift

For You created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are

your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

Psalms 139:13-18



Abortion Facts:

- Abortion became legal in all 50 States on January 22, 1973, as a result of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade Decision. Although many people believe abortions are limited to babies 24 weeks (6 months) or younger, the Doe v. Bolton and Webster Decisions made abortion legal until the moment of birth.
- Since 1973, over 47 million babies have been aborted in the U.S. alone.¹
- Four out of every 10 unplanned pregnancies are terminated by abortion. Twenty-four percent of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion.²
- 43% of women obtaining abortions identify themselves as Protestant, and 27% identify themselves as Catholic.²
- On the average, women give at least 3 reasons for choosing abortion: 3/4 say that having a baby would interfere with work, school or other responsibilities; about 2/3 say they cannot afford a child; and 1/2 say they do not want to be a single parent or are having problems with their husband or partner.² In other words, it isn't convenient to have a child.

Hope & Healing:

These numbers tell us that there are men and women among us who have made the wrong choice regarding an unplanned pregnancy. The Good News is that Jesus has already paid for these and all of our sins. 1 John 1:9ff tells us, "if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense - Jesus Christ, the Righteous One."

Fulfilling Your Role:

As Christians, we are called to be the salt and light of the earth – standing up for Truth.



Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16

What can I do?

- Volunteer at your local Pregnancy Care Center.
- Hand out abstinence literature at your high school.
- Pray or counsel at the abortion clinic in your town.
- Write letters to the editor in defense of life.
- Pray, campaign and vote for Pro-Life candidates.
- Invite a pro-life speaker to your group.
- Stay informed. Subscribe to a news service such as Life News, www.lifenews.com.

"Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering towards slaughter." Proverbs 24:11

Sources:

1. www.nrlc.org/abortion/facts/abortionstats.html

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