

# Glad Tidings

“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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## “a shame to even speak of...”

(Jerry Fite)

Christians are to walk in love as children of light (*Ephesians 5:1, 8*). Fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness is incongruous with walking with God. Instead of sharing in the works of darkness, the believer should shine the light of rebuke (*Ephesians 5:11*). As if the Christian needs any other exhortation to separate from darkness, Paul adds: “*For the things which are done by them in secret it is a shame even to speak of*” (*Ephesians 5:12*).

January of this year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> year since the Supreme Court of this land ruled that a woman could legally choose to have an abortion. Since then, records from pro-choice and pro-life groups combined estimate that over 54 million babies have had their lives terminated.

The Supreme Judge of the world, who is the originator of all life, clearly teaches us that the taking of innocent human life should be punished, not legalized. If a woman with child was hurt while in the company of two men fighting with each other causing

“her fruit depart,” an appropriate fine was levied to compensate for the hurt. But if harm resulted, “*then thou shalt give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe*” (*Exodus 21:23-24*). Was this a miscarriage punished only by a fine? Did the baby survive a premature birth? Did harm occur in the loss of the mother’s life? Did harm occur in the loss of the baby’s life? Regardless of how we interpret the particulars of this passage, we should agree that the taking of innocent human life is punishable before God.

The “babe” inside the womb is indentified by the same word, “BREPPOS”, as the “babe” outside the womb (*Luke 1:41-44; 2:12, 16*). It is a baby, not a mere fetus! Most abortions occur between the seventh and tenth weeks. At this point of the babe’s development, the genetic code in place unquestionably points to this life as human. The babe has his or her own fingerprint. The brain is functioning, the heart is pumping and the kidneys are cleaning. The babe is sucking the

thumb, and responding to sound or recoiling to the pricking of any sharp instrument...excuse the interruption...the abortion doctor is beginning his “legal” work.

A Philadelphia jury has convicted Kermit Gosnell, an abortion doctor, on three counts of murder. In the so-called safe confines of an abortion clinic live-born babies were put to death by snipping their spines with scissors. One woman even died being drugged with Demerol, while others sustained internal injuries.

In a National Review online article (May 8, 2013) entitled *Abortion’s Underside*, Jillian Kay Melchior gives detailed accounts from public records of horrors occurring in Florida’s abortion clinics. Hidden corpses, falsified records, unlicensed practitioners, and blotched procedures harming mothers, are not occurring in back alleys, but behind closed doors of abortion clinics.

If we can only speculate as to when life begins, why decree there is nothing in the womb worth protecting and saving?