

ABORTION

On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court ruled that unborn human beings are not legal persons. The unborn baby is considered the property of the mother and can be killed, at her request, even up to the time of birth if her doctor agrees. This decision has resulted in the death of approximately 40 million unborn babies.

The fact that abortion is “legal” does not make it right. Students of history know that at one time slavery was legal in the United States. On March 6, 1857, in the landmark Dred Scott decision, the United States Supreme Court ruled that slaves were not legal persons. Slaves could be bought, sold, used, or even killed at the owner’s discretion. Eleven years and a civil war later, the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U. S. Constitution, gave to all human beings the legal protection of law.

Murder and lies do not come from God. Jesus said to the hypocrites of His generation: **“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44 NIV)**

We now know that the murderous decision reached by the Supreme Court in 1973 was based upon lies. We also know that murder and lies come from the devil.

In 1969, Norma McCorvey was selected by lawyers Sarah Weddington and Linda Coffee to be the plaintiff in the class action Roe v Wade suit. Norma was a ninth grade drop out who had become a runaway, thief, alcoholic and drug addict. She already had two kids and didn’t want another. To gain sympathy, and increase her chance of getting an abortion, she lied about her pregnancy and claimed it was the result of rape. For many years she suffered the agony of knowing she was involved in the murder of little babies. Newsweek Magazine (Aug. 25, 1955) states that “McCorvey would drink herself to sleep . . . only to be haunted by nightmares of live infants being carved up in front of her.” She has now repented of her sin and been baptized into Jesus Christ. Naturally, she is now apposed to abortion.

The companion suit in 1973 was Doe v Bolton. The plaintiff in this suit was Sandra Besing. She found herself pregnant and alone. Her husband was in jail and her two children had been taken from her by county welfare workers. ACLU lawyer, Margie Pitts Hames, offered to help. Mrs. Hames, and a few others, dipped into their own pockets to help Sandra pay for an abortion. Remarkably, however, Sandra didn’t want an abortion. World Magazine (Mar. 29, 1997) quotes her as saying: “I didn’t need a baby, I didn’t want the baby. I didn’t want to be pregnant, but I was not going to take a baby’s life.” When she found out her lawyers were going to force her to have an abortion she ran away, refusing to return until she was assured that she wouldn’t have to kill her baby. Her baby, Melissa, was born Nov. 6, 1970 and placed for adoption.

The truth about Sandra Besing did not reach the Supreme Court. Instead lawyer Hames told the court that Sandra sought an abortion at a public hospital but her application was denied. Later, Sandra was supposed to have applied through a private hospital but could not obtain an abortion because she had no money. The public hospital referred to was the Grady Memorial Hospital. Grady records division wrote: “Grady Health System is unable to locate any records despite spending 32 hours searching under every possible name and variation.”

Those who know Sandra today describe her as a “sincere repentant believer.” She has wanted to speak out for years but has been wary of lawyers and the media. She finds it hard to understand how the Supreme Court decision can stand when she knows it was based upon lies.

David knew that God made little babies. He wrote: **“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.” (Ps. 139:13-16 NIV)** We know it too!