LIFE IS TO BE PROTECTED Matt. 18:10; Psalms 127 FBC-PC 1-17-16 AM

Children, born and unborn, have a special place in God's heart.

The ill treatment (abuse of any kind) of these little ones will bring about God's judgement upon society.

I. Children are the Joy of God's Heart - Matt. 18:1-10

- A. Children are the Heritage from the Lord Psalm 127:3-5
- B. The Kingdom of Heaven belongs to little children Matt. 19:14,15
- C. Whoever welcomes a little child in the name of Jesus Christ welcomes Christ Himself. Matt. 18:5

II. The unborn child is created in the image of God and is His handiwork.

- A. The unborn are treated as persons in the womb Psa. 51:5; 58:3; Luke 1:41-44
  - 1. We learn that David considered God to be at work with him while he was in the womb, with constant use of "I", "my" and "me".
  - 2. God called them twins and made prophecies for them while they were still in the womb. Gen. 25:22-24
- B. It is unnatural not to love the life in one's womb. Isa. 49:15
- C. Though the unborn child is forgotten by the act of abortion, God promises never to forsake the child. Isa. 49:15

III. Abortion is the ultimate child abuse - abuse to the image of God

- A. The abuse of Children is an abomination to God. Lev. 20:1-5
  - 1. Molech was an Amorite deity
  - 2. Sacrifice of children Jer. 7:6, 28-31; 32:35; II King 16:16-20; Amos 1:13; Ex. 23:7; Gen. 9:6; Ex. 20:13; Prov. 6:16-19
- B. Christ will measure our regard for Him by how we treat the vulnerable, the helpless, "the very least of these" Matt. 25:40
- C. Christ warns adults about how they treat children. Matt. 18:10. God will judge how we treat children, our and others.

CONCLUSION: Abortion destroys God's handiwork and abuses the unborn. God will hold our nation accountable for the destruction. Therefore "be careful you do not despise one of these little ones."