

Biblical Morality, Part 2

WE MENTIONED BRIEFLY IN PART 1 of this article on Biblical Morality (available on our website, see reverse side) that our knowledge of God's will is based on His **revealed** will – which is His word: the Bible. We also said that many try to lead others astray from God's word by changing terms or definitions of widely understood words to conceal the immorality that they are trying to teach.

A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF THIS is seen in the case of **abortion**. Those who support the right of a woman to undergo an abortion would never use the word "child" to refer to an unborn baby. To say "child" would be to remind the listener that the subject in question is a human being. No, it is much better from their perspective to use an ostensibly "scientific" term - fetus - to distract from the fact that it is an unborn baby whose life is being terminated. And an innocent life that is incapable of defending itself at that.

ANOTHER TACTIC IN THIS PARTICULAR FIGHT is to frame the debate as simply a matter of personal liberty by focusing and calling themselves "pro-choice" rather than "pro-abortion". What such a tactic does is divert the listener's attention away from the killing of an unborn human being to the ability of a pregnant woman to decide for herself the most convenient way (for her) to deal with an unwanted pregnancy. And who will represent the child?

WE SHOULD NOT LET OURSELVES BE SWAYED by such distractions! What does **GOD'S** word reveal on the matter? **First**, that mankind was created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). **Second**, personhood is present from the womb (Jeremiah 1:5) and from the womb we are the handiwork of God himself (Job 10:11-12). Since an unborn child is created by God, we are in no position to interfere by terminating the life of that child no matter what the reason

– including rape, incest, or birth defect! Imagine, today we live in a nation where the courts themselves will restrain someone from trying to defend the life of an unborn child from the tools of an abortionist! Changing definitions of words has a terrible effect! Should we be surprised? Instead, we are warned:

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! (Isaiah 5:20)

THE BIBLE CALLS EVERYONE TO A HIGHER STANDARD: “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;

against such things there is no law”. (Galatians 5:22-23). None of us have met that standard perfectly for “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 6:23).

IT IS A COMMON SLUR AGAINST CHRISTIANS these days for someone to say that they (Christians) “think they are so perfect”. In reality, every true Christian **knows** they are not perfect, but by becoming a Christian they emphatically state that they ARE NOT perfect but instead need the forgiveness of a loving Savior to be right with him!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE about what the Bible says on this or any other topic, then give us a call or visit our website.

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