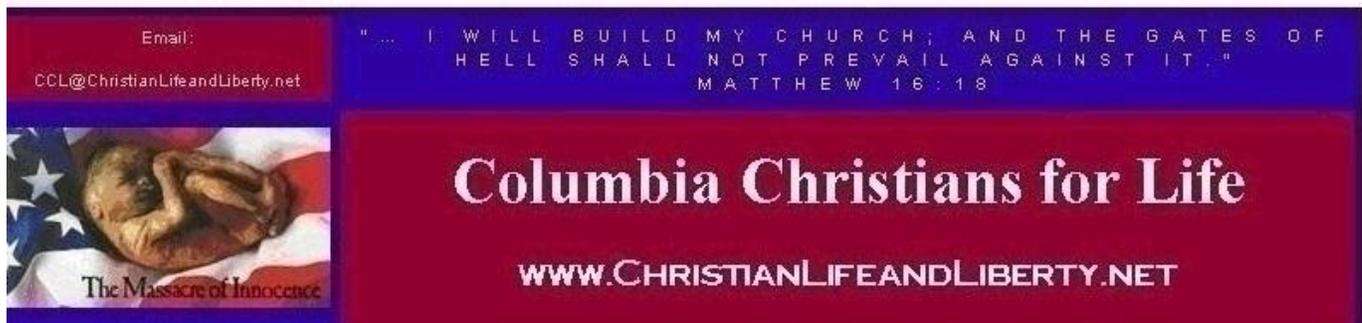


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Did you know that God is interested in His children knowing history ? In Psalm 78 we read God commanded fathers to teach their children the testimony of the nation and God's law, "That the generation to come might know them" and "That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments." It is important to know history that we might see the providential working of God in history, to build up our faith, and therefore our faithfulness to God.

Since 2003, South Carolina has had three "abortion" centers in this State, each year, every year. That is a net decrease of 75% from the 12 main "abortion" centers which South Carolina had in 1988 when the number of reported "abortions" in the state peaked at over 14,000 in that year. From 1973 to 2020, DHEC has reported over 408,000 unborn children murdered inside SC. Babies were also killed beginning in 1970 when South Carolina changed the law before Roe. In 2020, the last year for which we have DHEC data presently, there were under 5,500 "abortions", a decrease of 61% from that peak number of over 14,000. Even one "abortion" committed is one too many. There are no "exceptions" to God's command in the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill (murder)." Exodus 20:13, KJV. This is why incremental "abortion" regulation legislation like the Heartbeat Bill are unrighteous decrees. They ban some child-murder, but do not END and ABOLISH ALL child-murder; they still allow some child-murder to continue. As commonly used, the word "abortion" is a euphemism for murder. "Abortion" is child-murder. It is child-sacrifice. And by the way, "Murder" is not "provided"; and those who commit or perpetrate murder are not "providers". Let's stop using the world's euphemistic language; let's stop calling baby-killers, "abortion providers" !

As Christians, I would think many people here would agree with this statement:

"I believe America's greatest sin is: We have turned from the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word, the Bible."

Obviously that is true for Americans who are lost. But what about professing Christians ? In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus says we are Salt and Light. He says if we lose our saltiness, we are "good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." And of whom was the LORD speaking to Solomon, in 2 Chronicles 7:14, when He said, "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." So what is God's remedy there for healing the land ? Is it first the lost get saved ? Or is it first the people of God repent of our own sin ?

To borrow from what a brother said over 20 years ago, when the people of God fear God, then the wicked will fear the people of God. Just look at the so-called "Pro-Life Movement" over the last 30 plus years, which has managed to PERPETUATE "abortion" by incessantly advocating incremental legislation to regulate child-murder instead of END and ABOLISH it by establishing PERSONHOOD, at fertilization, in law, with no exceptions, just as the Roe Opinion itself indicated, over 49 years ago. One blatant example of the disobedience of Christians is yoking up with followers of false religions, especially Roman Catholicism, as co-belligerents in the fight against "abortion", which is first and foremost a spiritual battle. Roman Catholicism is NOT Biblical Christianity. Among other things, Rome has a false "bible" with 73 books, a false "jesus" whose ongoing sacrifice in the blasphemous Roman Catholic Mass is still insufficient to save, and which teaches a false doctrine of justification by faith PLUS works, including sacraments.

God in His Word says, in 2 Corinthians 6:14, KJV “Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:” And yet, for years Christian pro-lifers have joined up with Roman Catholics in groups like the SC chapter of National Right to Life, called SC Citizens for Life, and with 40 Days for Life, right here in South Carolina. It is a miracle and a testimony to the mercy of God, that even with all of our disobedience, and sin, and compromise, God has still allowed us to see a net decrease of 75% of the “abortion” mills in this State, and a 61% decrease in the number of annual reported “abortions” as of 2020. Imagine what God might do if we actually fully trusted and obeyed Him, and not only did His pro-life work, but did it His way, according to His Word, for His glory ? However, because we have not obeyed Him in so many ways, the killing continues. Child-murder has not yet joined the Slave Trade, unbiblical American Slavery, the Nazi Holocaust, and other gross national, even international sins, upon the ash-heap of history. But it will, brothers, sisters. Because Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords, now. 1 Timothy 6:15. But we have sinned. It is we who need to repent. Remember 2 Chronicles 7:14. And never again support any so-called “pro-life” bill that would incrementally regulate child-murder, like the so-called Heartbeat Bill. This chapter of history is not just about “saving babies” - as much as we labor to do so, on the streets at the death camps, in pregnancy care centers, adoption agencies, and elsewhere - it is about establishing justice consistent with the Word of God, the only true justice there is.

Now, you may or may not agree with me in this second statement:

“I believe America’s greatest moral crime is child-murder by “abortion”, the institutionalized, government-protected, and in some cases government-funded, shedding of innocent blood of God’s image-bearers in the womb.”

Earlier I explained how the Bible records in 2 Kings 24 one of the reasons why God sent Nebuchadnezzar against Judah was the shedding of innocent blood. In chapter 25, the Bible records, in a third attack, the city was burned, including the king’s palace and the Temple, and the walls around Jerusalem were broken down. In Jeremiah 32:32, God says this national captivity and destruction came about, “Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.” Verse 35: “And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into My mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.” There it is, child-sacrifice unto Molech, practiced by the people of Judah, one of the causes of national destruction and captivity. Centuries earlier, God had spoken to Moses about any man who would sacrifice his child to Molech, recorded in Leviticus 20, verse 3: “And I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile My sanctuary, and to profane My holy name.”

Let’s take a pause there. Christians, for what reason are you first and foremost against “abortion” ? Is it because you want to “save babies” ? Is it because you want to spare the mother from the emotional and spiritual harm caused by the sin of “abortion” ? Is it because you want to share the Gospel with the mother ? These are all good reasons. In fact, it is important to share the Gospel with an “abortion”-minded mother that she might repent and choose life; but even if she does not get saved there on the spot, it should be obvious that it is still a good thing if she does not kill her child ! However, what is the purpose of our life as a Christian ? 1 Corinthians 10:31 says, “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” Our overall purpose in life is to glorify God. Jesus explained the two greatest commandments to a lawyer in Matthew 22, saying, “THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” In Mark 12:31, Jesus says, “There is none other commandment greater than these.” The first and great commandment is love God, with all your heart, soul, and mind. As we grow in love of God, we learn to love what He loves, and hate what He hates. Proverbs 8:13 says, “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil:” So when God says in Leviticus 20:3 child-sacrifice unto Molech defiles His sanctuary and profanes His holy name, that provides my first and foremost reason to oppose “abortion” – it is a great offense to God, Whom I am commanded to love with all my heart, soul, and mind. There are many ways and means by which to oppose “abortion”, but our purpose in opposing “abortion”, rightly ordered, I believe, is to be out of our love and fear of a Holy, Omnipotent, Sovereign God, Who is King of kings and Lord of lords, now, and Whose righteous will we seek to be done, in earth, as in heaven, just as the Lord Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Psalm 110:1 says, “The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at My right hand, until I make Thine enemies Thy footstool.” That verse is repeated in the three synoptic Gospels, in Acts, and in Hebrews. Repetition has significance, it has emphasis.

However, now, let’s go to Jeremiah 24:10. Speaking of the “evil figs”, that is, “Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem”, God said, “I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.” The sword, the famine, and the pestilence. What ? Would God do such a thing to His own people ? Yes, when they, or when we, act wickedly.

In Leviticus chapter 18, right after verses 21, 22, and 23 in which the LORD commands His people not to commit child-sacrifice, sodomy, or bestiality, in the remaining seven verses of the chapter, God makes it clear He spewed the inhabitants of Canaan out of the land before the Israelites because of their sins and abominations, which He forbade to Israel in Leviticus 18, and that if Israel also did these things, both they and the land would be defiled, and the land itself would vomit out her inhabitants. That happened in history by means of three waves of attacks by Nebuchadnezzar in 605 BC, 597 BC, and 586 BC, resulting in what we call the 70 years of the Babylonian Captivity.

Did you know the land itself is defiled by the shedding of innocent blood ? Listen to what God said to Moses in Numbers 35:33: “So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.” God has given civil government the power of the sword. When righteous justice is not brought for murder, God becomes the Avenger of Blood. Our state and nation is awash in the shedding of blood as a divine judgment for the lack of justice not brought for over 63 million reported “abortions” by surgical and RU486 means, and likely several times more that number of chemical “abortions” by abortifacient so-called “birth control”, Margaret Sanger’s term. How many Christians do not realize that certain so-called “contraceptives” actually also function as abortifacients, such as birth control pills and IUD’s ?

When innocent blood is shed, and justice is not rendered to the murderer, there is a corporate bloodguilt which comes upon the people of the land. Read Deuteronomy 21:1-9 where a man is found slain in the field, and it is not known who slew him. The elders of the nearby cities were to come together and declare their hands had not shed this blood, neither had their eyes seen it, and to pray for God’s mercy, to put away the guilt of innocent blood among them. The doctrine of corporate bloodguilt can also be seen in Deuteronomy 19:10 and Jeremiah 26:15, the latter when Jeremiah prophesied in the Temple, and the priests and the prophets and all the people of Jerusalem wanted to kill him.

Brothers, sisters, look where we are today in America. Are we not already suffering under judgments of the sword and pestilence ? And are we seeing another of God’s judgments upon wicked nations, famine, also beginning to appear ? In Ezekiel 14:13, God says “when the land sinneth against Me by trespassing grievously”, He “will send famine upon it”.

America is already being divinely judged by the Sword and by Pestilence. Are we seeing early signs of coming judgment by Famine, with multiple supply chain issues, and container ships backed up on our East and West coasts ?

I believe a Biblical case can be made for connecting several of the most serious problems in our society and nation, with the shedding of innocent blood, including Gun Violence right here in Columbia (Hosea 4:2; Ezekiel 35:5,6), and various forms of COVID-related Tyranny we have faced (Psalm 106:37-44), and nationally, the Illegal Alien Invasion on our Southern Border, and Unjust Wars such as Afghanistan and Iraq (2 Kings 17; 2 Kings 24 and 25). So, Violence, Tyranny, Invasion, and War – all with Biblical connections as divine judgments for the shedding of innocent blood.

I’ll finish with a profile of Homicides in South Carolina and Richland County. Last month, Richland County Sheriff Lott reported murders by gunfire had increased 100% in Richland County from 2020 to 2021. In 2020, there were 16 murders by gunfire, 23 murders total. In 2021, there were 32 murders, all by gunfire. So total murders went up by 39%, murders by gunfire went up by 100%. In June 2021, Chief Keel of SLED held a rare news conference. He said 2020 saw the highest number of murders in SC than any other year on record, and expected 2021 to be worse. Chief Keel called on the community and lawmakers for help, and said the police cannot “arrest” their way out of this situation. He said, “People are losing children every day”. That’s right Chief, and there are also people killing their children every week in SC at the three child-murder centers in Greenville, Columbia, and Charleston. Later, in the final 2020 SLED Annual Crime Report, 552 murders in SC in 2020 were reported, up 22% from 452 in 2019, the most since 1991; in the last five years, murders in SC had increased 52.9%. Thankfully, murders decreased in the City of Columbia by 34%, from 29 in 2019, to 19 in 2020. Returning to Sheriff Lott, he said, “Of course, the issue that we got is a community problem of the people with guns that have total disrespect for a human life. They’re out there, killin’ people. 32 individuals died last year by gunfire.” Right, total disrespect for a human life, killing people. Just like the abortionists with their suction machines and curettes, and chemical poisons. After over 49 years of institutionalized child-murder by “abortion” in America, are we surprised at the lack of respect for the sanctity of human life in general, especially among young people ? Those of us who minister at Columbia’s Planned Parenthood child-murder center often see Richland County Sheriff’s patrol cars going in and out of the parking lot as they go to the Magistrate’s Office located on the back side of the same office building as Planned Parenthood’s death camp. In 2020, DHEC reported there were 1,681 children killed at that Planned Parenthood, which was up by over 200 from 2019. Do you know how many children per week that 1,681 is ? That’s 32 per week, every week, all year 2020 long. The same number as the number of people killed by gunfire in Richland County in 2021. I believe there is a connection between the violence in the womb and the violence on the streets. We have sown violence in the womb, and we are reaping violence on the streets, in schools, and elsewhere. God is not mocked. Whatever we sow, that we will also reap, individually, as a City, as a County, as a State, and as a Nation. May we instead sow repentance and tears, even today, and reap a much-needed harvest of reform and healing in our land.