

this,' does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?  
Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not  
repay each person according to what he has done?"

8. **Obey the Voice of God, Not the Ways of Men:**  
<sup>NIV</sup> **Exodus 23:7** “...do not put an innocent or honest person to death, for I will not acquit the guilty.”
9. **Healing and Hope for Wrong Decisions:**
- a. Jesus said to the woman caught in the act of adultery: <sup>NIV</sup> **John 8:10** ...”Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” <sup>11</sup> “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”
- b. <sup>NAS</sup> **1 John 1:9** “If we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
10. **God’s Timing, Presence, and Hope in Human Suffering and Death:**
- a. <sup>NAS</sup> **Ecclesiastes 3:1** “There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven-- <sup>2</sup> A time to give birth, and a time to die..”
- b. <sup>NIV</sup> **Philippians 1:21** “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

**Conclusion:** As children of God, *forgiven in Jesus Christ*, let us  
♦ know God’s Word of truth, ♦ value all human life, and  
♦ stand with God against abortion! **Amen!**

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# “HUMAN LIFE – Let’s Compare Our Nation with God’s Word”

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**Introduction:** Dear friends, here at Bethlehem Lutheran, we still believe the Bible is God’s very Word to us! Therefore, we are not swayed by *human opinion* or *majority rule* on any doctrine; instead, we simply *discover God’s position* – as recorded in His Word; *then stand with Him!* For example:

- **Heaven is BY FAITH ALONE**, *not by works* – Jesus said: <sup>NAS</sup> **John 6:47** “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.”
- **Homosexuality is DETESTABLE TO GOD**, *not an acceptable alternative lifestyle* – <sup>NIV</sup> **Leviticus 20:13** “If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable....”
- **Capital punishment is COMMANDED BY GOD** *in the OT for at least 18 different crimes*; for example: **Murder:** Genesis 9:6; **Adultery:** Leviticus 20:10; **Incest:** Leviticus 20:11; **Homosexuality:** Leviticus 20:13; **Prostitution:** Deuteronomy 22:21; **Kidnapping:** Exodus 21:16; **Witchcraft:** Exodus 22:18.

My list of *what the Bible says* in comparison to *what the world says* could go on and on, but now we turn to the topic of **LIFE**. **So what is the history of life and death in the United States?** Prior to 1973, we, as Americans, believed in **life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness** – *in that order!* **Note**

that life is FIRST in the list. However, on **January 22, 1973**, the U. S. Supreme Court legalized abortion! In essence they said: **“If the human life inside a woman – a mother – could possibly lead to her loss of liberty or loss of happiness, she is fully allowed to go to a doctor – who has sworn to protect life – in order to have him or her end the child’s life, thus, in essence, MURDER THE CHILD at her request and with our government’s blessing!” That is HORRIBLE!**

Now, since 1973, approximately 50 million children have been legally put to death in our pathetic nation, which has converted freedom into a license to commit mass murder among those who are completely helpless! Do YOU agree with such things? Probably not! But what have you done or are you doing to make a difference? Let us:

- PRAY that God will lead all who favor abortion to repent!
- BE INFORMED VOTERS – researching the stand of each and every candidate; then voting for life!
- SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE those who are pregnant – either directly or through a crisis pregnancy center!

Even though death reigns and is legal in the United States, let us know – beyond any doubt – that **God strongly favors LIFE!** We now turn to some key Bible passages:

1. **God is the Creator of all life:** <sup>NIV</sup> **Acts 17:24** “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth... <sup>25</sup> ...he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.”
2. **Conception is God’s Gift:** <sup>NIV</sup> **Genesis 30:22** “Then God remembered Rachel [the wife of Jacob]; he listened to

her and opened her womb. <sup>23</sup> She became pregnant and gave birth to a son... <sup>24</sup> She named him Joseph...”

3. **God is the Creator of the Unborn:** <sup>NIV</sup> **Isaiah 44:24** “This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who has made all things...”
4. **Pre-Natal Life has Special Value to God:** <sup>NIV</sup> **Exodus 21:22** “If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows. <sup>23</sup> But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, <sup>24</sup> eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot...”
5. **God Does Not Justify Abortion or “Mercy Killing” in Cases of Rape, Incest, or Birth Defects:** <sup>NIV</sup> **Deuteronomy 24:16** Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor children put to death for their fathers; each is to die for his own sin.”
6. **Life and Death Belong to the Province of God:** <sup>NIV</sup> **Exodus 20:13** “You shall not murder.” <sup>NIV</sup> **Proverbs 6:16**” There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: <sup>17</sup> haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood... [etc.]”
7. **Consequences of Practicing or Ignoring Injustice:**
  - a. <sup>NIV</sup> **Deuteronomy 27:24** “Cursed is the man who kills his neighbor secretly.” ... <sup>25</sup> ...who accepts a bribe to kill an innocent person.”
  - b. <sup>NIV</sup> **Proverbs 24:11** “Rescue those being led away to death; ... <sup>12</sup> If you say, ‘But we knew nothing about