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ON THE HOME FRONT

63,459,781 babies killed

The above number are the recorded number of babies that have been killed by abortion since 1973 in the United States of America. This is a sad if not tragic statistic. Several scriptures come to mind regarding the killing of the unborn. The decision recently handed down by the United States Supreme Court gives the authority regarding abortions back to the states. But frankly the states nor the courts have the authority to take a baby's life. Our Father in Heaven is the ultimate judge in this matter and he condemns this practice most vehemently.

One passage along with others comes to mind about this issue:
 Proverbs 6: 16-17

"These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an a abomination unto Him: A Proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood.

Other Passages:

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."

Psalms 139: 13

"For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb."

Psalms 127:13

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward."

Let us as members of the body of Christ take advantage of this decision and stand for the protection of the unborn. Keep in mind the admonition given in James 4:17, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

Ron Wallace

“TWO PAST A KEY”

By Michael Wyatt

"Do you know what time it is?" As long as I can remember, every time my dad was asked what time it was he always answered and said, "Two past a key." Even the closing years of his life as his mind struggled to remember things he never forgot that and to the end he would answer and say that very thing. My whole childhood I never knew what that meant or why he answered that way. I have heard of people saying, as they looked at their wrist, "Two past a freckle," but I have never heard anyone else say what my dad always said. It wasn't until much later in life, my children were probably in high school, that my mom and dad were in my home and one of the kids asked Papa, "What time is it?" And daddy answered his usual way. One of my children asked, "Why do you always say that?" And he gave them the answer, and here is what he said: "When my brother and I grew up on the ranch with our dad, we could be out working cattle or just pitching hay up in the barn, and dad would send one of us to the house to see what time it was. Well we were too young to be able to tell time, but the old grandfather clock had a key in the face of it, which had to be wound up from time to time. Though we couldn't tell time we could always count how many lines the little hand was pointing to and how close it was to the key. Let's say it was 7pm, it happened to be two marks past the key, etc." I said to my dad, "Why didn't you ever tell me that?" And, of course, his answer was, "You never asked."

I want to ask you the same question, "Do you know what time it is?" I don't mean by looking at your watch, the physical time, but do you know what time it is spiritually speaking? Of course, no one knows when the end is coming. Jesus said after the parable of the Ten Virgins in Matthew 25, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:13). We don't know when, but we do know that it is coming. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5: 10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." We don't know when "that day" will come, but you better know and strive to be ready for it to come in each of our lives. Someone might ask God in the day of judgment, "Why didn't you ever tell me that?" And God will be able to say, "I did, many times throughout my Word, you should have asked." And that is the "KEY" to which everything revolves around. Maybe the big hand is getting close to the "KEY?" Are you getting ready for that day? Actually, the question should be, "Are you READY for that day?"

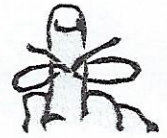
"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22:17).

He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20).

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TIME IT IS?

RON'S REMINDERS



Does the Bible Approve of Man's Creeds?

A creed is a brief authoritative statement or formula of religious belief.

Men have written many creeds over the years, the most famous being the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed. The older of these, the Apostles' Creed, was written in the second century, as the earliest historical reference to it is found in AD 190. The Nicene Creed was written by a church council convened by the Emperor Constantine in Nicea in AD 325. Since the New Testament was finished no later than about AD 96, both of these creeds came after God had completed His revelation to man (Jude 1:3).

The Apostles' Creed stresses the importance of the Trinity, with special emphasis on Christ. It did not actually come from the apostles, however, due to its late date of composition. It has been revised at least sixteen times over the years, which surely would be wrong if it actually did come from the apostles. The Nicene Creed was written to rebuke the teachings of Arius, who claimed that Christ was not equal to the Father or "of the same substance" as the Father. These creeds, and most others that men have written, were written with the intention of simplifying basic Bible teachings for common man. The problem, however, is that human wisdom is never adequate to speak where God has not spoken in matters of religious authority.

Benjamin Franklin, a nineteenth century preacher, summed up the problem with man-made creeds. He said, "First, any creed containing more than the Bible is objectionable, because it does contain more than the Bible. Second, any creed containing less than the Bible is objectionable, because it does contain less than the Bible. Third, any creed differing from the Bible is objectionable because it does differ from the Bible. Fourth, any creed precisely like the Bible is useless, because we have the Bible. This covers the whole ground . . . A creed must contain more than the Bible, less than the Bible, differ from it, or be precisely like it. No man defends his creed on the ground that it contains more than the Bible, less than the Bible, or is precisely like it. If a creed be not defended on these grounds, on what ground can it be defended? Certainly on no moral ground conceivable to mortal man."

Jesus warned of the hypocrisy of His day, saying, "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:8-9).

Their worship was vain because they placed the uninspired teachings of mere men over the revealed Word of God. Paul told Timothy, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

The Bible itself is the only creed, the only statement of beliefs that we can follow as authoritative. No man-made creed can ever compare to Scripture. —