

Sermon: “An Anniversary; Not a Celebration”
January 22, 1973: Roe v. Wade

I. Human beings are unique and hold the highest value in God’s sight.

A. Unique because people *alone are* made in the image of God

Genesis 1:26-27 “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; **male and female** he created them.”

Psalm 8:4, 5-6

“What is man that you are mindful of him,..?”

“You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.”

B. Human beings are uniquely crafted and are human from the moment of conception

Psalm 139:13-16 “For you created *my* inmost being; you knit *me* together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw *my* unformed body.”

Luke 1:41 “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, *the baby* leaped in her womb...

Psalm 51:5 “Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.”

II. “What about the pregnant woman considering an abortion? Isn’t she valuable and made in God’s image, too?”

III. Help and healing.

Proverbs 24:11-12 Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, “But we knew nothing about this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?”

James 1:27 “Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.”

Real Choices Pregnancy Medical Clinic (in Grapevine)
exists as a ministry:

Who can help save one life; to live for one purpose; to reach one person; and then do it again, and again and again.

IV. The ultimate value placed on people demonstrated by Jesus, who died for human beings.

I Timothy 1:13-16 “Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy.. Jesus came into the world **to save sinners**—*of whom I am the worst.*”

Romans 8:1; 33-34 “There is therefore ***now no condemnation*** for those who are in Christ Jesus. Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?”