

Early Christians & Abortion

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the gift of God, and fight with His laws, and follow after what is a curse as if a blessing, and make the chamber of procreation a chamber of murder, and arm the woman that was given for childbearing unto slaughter?" (*Homilies on Romans, John Chrysostom — 391 AD*)

"Some go so far as to take potions, that they may insure barrenness, and thus murder human beings almost before their conception. Some, when they find themselves with child through their sin, use drugs to procure abortion, and when, as often happens, they die with their offspring, they enter the lower world laden with the guilt not only of adultery against Christ but also of suicide and child murder." (*Letters 22, Jerome — 396 AD*)

Was the political hopeful who came to my door misinformed or lying? I don't know. What I do know is that the evidence clearly shows that the church in the first, second, third and fourth centuries was opposed to abortion. More importantly, the Bible plainly establishes that God considers the aborting of a pregnancy to be an act of murder, and under the law of Moses, it was punishable by death (see Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5; Exodus 21:22-25).

What a calamity that our nation is willing to put to death over 100,000 unborn children each year, calling it a woman's "right to choose", while criminals, deserving of death enjoy benefits unbecoming their sorry state! What twisted madness has caused our nation to act so corruptly?

"Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isaiah 5:20).

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