
Pleasant View church of Christ
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Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
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Galatians 5:17

“For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.”

“God is not an employer looking for employees. He is an eagle looking for people who will take refuge under His wings.”

John Piper

“You must pay for everything in this world one way or another. There is nothing free except the grace of God.”

Charles Portis

I Am Not Pro-Choice

In the previous article, I celebrated the gift of choice. Man has the ability to choose the words he says, the places he goes, and the car he drives. Praise God! But man is also responsible for the consequences of his decisions. If he chooses to live an immoral lifestyle, he must live with the heartache, regret, and shame that so often accompanies immorality.

The term “pro-choice” in American culture elicits strong emotions. If you’re pro-choice, you support a woman’s right to have an abortion, among other issues related to reproduction. Since the 1973 Supreme Court decision in *Roe vs. Wade*, it is a Constitutional right in America

for a woman to have an abortion within the first two trimesters of her pregnancy. Those in the pro-choice movement claim that the government should not regulate what a woman does with her body; it’s her choice. (The government can and does regulate the drugs she puts into her body, and it outlaws prostitution, so that argument is weak.) They focus on the decision the woman makes *after* she becomes pregnant, while ignoring the choice she made to become pregnant.

Once a man and woman choose to engage in sexual activity, they must accept all consequences of that action. If conception occurs, a new life has been created. Life is precious.

The Bible says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:13-14), and God knows us while we are in our mother’s womb (Jer. 1:5). An unborn baby cannot be tossed aside like a diseased appendix. When an innocent life is taken, a murder has happened.

Young people should be taught what the Bible says regarding love, sex, and marriage. They should know that an unborn child is a baby, not just a fetus. When people choose God’s plan for life, love and happiness reign.

James Hayes

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I Am Pro-Choice

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If I want to be like God, if I want to reflect His character in the world around me, I must be pro-choice, because He is pro-choice. Our ability to choose the narrow way that leads to life or the broad way that leads to destruction is one of God's greatest gifts. By choosing to serve Him, we can truly have a relationship with Him; otherwise, we would be robots, forced to serve Him against our will. The beauty of choice is seen most often at wedding ceremonies when a couple looks at each other and vows to "forsake all others" as long as they live. They are choosing each other over all the other people on earth. If that couple could

not freely choose to be together, love could not flourish in their marriage.

In the garden, God gave man a choice. He said, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die" (Gen. 2:16-17). God created an environment that allowed man to choose whether or not he would obey God. Unfortunately, man and woman chose to eat of the tree, and they were banished from the garden.

We make choices every day. Some are inconsequential (where to eat lunch), and

some are eternal (being baptized into Christ). But no decision is worthwhile if it is not taken to the Father in prayer. Paul instructed us to "[B]e anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6). He hears our requests, and blesses us according to His will (I John 5:14-15).

Be like Joshua: choose to serve the Lord every day. God has promised never to leave you (Rom. 8:36-39). Why leave Him?

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Thank you to those who participated in Tasha's baby shower yesterday.
- Marcene Simpson, Maime's sister-in-law, had a heart attack last week.
- Buzz Simpson, Maime's brother, has advanced stage cancer.
- Bill Johnson was taken to Vanderbilt last Sunday. He is home now.
- Pray for JW Head, Mildred Walker, Jay and Carolyn Newell, Rick Reed.

Church Cookout, This Saturday October 4, At Noon Sign Up To Rotate Cleaning The Building On Back Wall

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: Garrett

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Terry Walker

Serve: Gupton, Trent, J. Walker

Pray: E. Walker