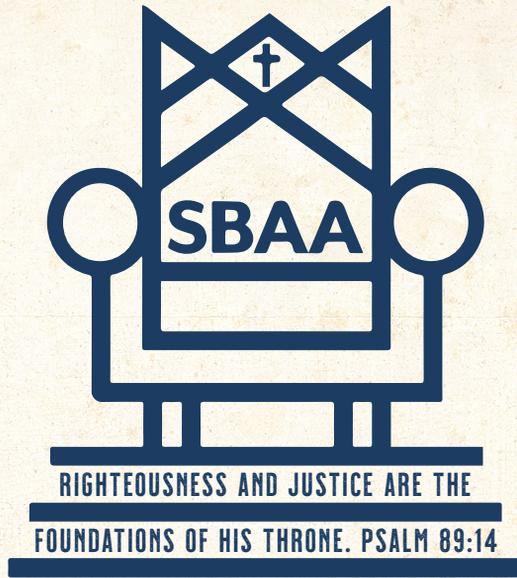


SOUTHERN BAPTIST

RESOLUTION
ON
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“Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice
with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be
angry, and you perish in the way, for
his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed
are all who take refuge in him.”

Psalm 2:10-12 (ESV)

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(1) **WHEREAS**, from the moment of fertilization, all humans are created in God’s image by, through, and for Jesus to the glory of God, and all souls belong to Him (Genesis 1:27; 4:1; 21:2; Isaiah 7:14; Colossians 1:16; Romans 11:36; Ezekiel 18:4), and

(2) **WHEREAS**, as God’s image-bearers, all humans both display His divine worth, power, and attributes, and possess equal, objective worth before God, not varying based on incidental characteristics; such as ethnicity, age, size, means of conception, mental development, physical development, gender, potential, or contribution to society (Rom 1:19-20; Gen 1:27; 9:6; Matthew 18:6), and

(3) **WHEREAS**, to murder any preborn image-bearer is a sin, violating both the natural law of retributive justice as set forth in the Noahic covenant, as well as the sixth commandment forbidding murder, and as such, is ultimately an assault on God’s image, seeking to usurp God’s sovereignty as Creator (Gen 9:5-6; Exodus 20:13; Proverbs 6:17), and

(4) **WHEREAS**, God’s Word declares that all human life is a sacred gift and that His Law is supreme over man’s life and man’s law (Psalm 127:3-5; 139:13-16; Rom 2:15-16; Acts 10:42; 17:31; 1 Corinthians 4:5), and

(5) **WHEREAS**, God commands His people to “rescue those who are being taken away to death” and holds them responsible and without excuse when they fail to do so (Prov 24:11-12), and

(6) **WHEREAS**, God establishes all governing authorities as His avenging servants to carry out His wrath on the evildoer, and commands these authorities to judge justly, neither showing partiality to the wicked, nor using unequal standards, which are abominations (Psa 82; Prov 20:10; Rom 13:4), and

(7) **WHEREAS**, in 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States rendered an iniquitous decision on *Roe v. Wade*, and in doing so deprived the innocent of their rights, and usurped God, who sovereignly ordained their authority (Isa 5:23; 10:1-2; Psa 2; Matt 22:21; John 19:11; Acts 4:19; 5:29, Rom 13:1), and

(8) **WHEREAS**, in the *Roe v. Wade* decision, the Supreme Court of the United States subverted the U.S. Constitution namely, the Preamble, as well as the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments without any legal authority (Article 6, Clause 2 “Supremacy Clause”), and

(9) **WHEREAS**, governing authorities at every level have a duty before God to uphold justice asserting their God-ordained and constitutional authority to establish equal protection under the law for all, born and preborn, by intervening, ignoring, or nullifying iniquitous decisions when other authorities, such as the Supreme Court, condone such injustices as the legal taking of innocent life (Daniel 3; 1 Kings 12; 2 Kings 11; Jeremiah 26:10-16; 36:9-31; 37:11- 21; 39:7-10), and

(10) **WHEREAS**, over the past 48 years with 60+ million abortions, traditional Pro-life laws, though well intended, have not established equal protection and justice for the preborn, but on the contrary, appallingly have established incremental, regulatory guidelines for when, where, why, and how to obtain legal abortion of innocent preborn children, thereby legally sanctioning abortion, and

(11) **WHEREAS**, since 1980, the SBC has passed many resolutions reaffirming the importance of human life at all stages of development, but we have yet to call for the immediate abolition of abortion without exception or compromise, and

(12) **WHEREAS**, our confessional statement, The Baptist Faith and Message, according to Article XV, affirms that children “from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord”; and further affirms that Southern Baptists are mandated by Scripture to “speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death,” now, be it therefore

(13) **RESOLVED**, that the messengers of the SBC meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 15-16, 2021, do state unequivocally that abortion is murder, and we reject any position that allows for any exceptions to the legal protection of our preborn neighbors, compromises God’s holy standard of justice, or promotes any God-hating partiality (Psa 94:6; Isa 10:1-2; Prov 24:11; Psa 82:1-4), and be it further

(14) **RESOLVED**, that we will not embrace an incremental approach to ending abortion because it challenges God’s Lordship over the heart and the conscience, and rejects His call to repent of sin completely and immediately (Gen 3:1; John 8:44; Rom 2:14-15; 2 Corinthians 11:3), and be it further

(15) **RESOLVED**, that we affirm that the murder of preborn children is a crime against humanity that must be punished equally under the law, and be it further

(16) **RESOLVED**, that we humbly confess and lament any complicity in recognizing exceptions that legitimize or regulate abortion, and of any apathy, in not laboring with the power and influence we have to abolish abortion, and be it further

(17) **RESOLVED**, that as Southern Baptists we will engage, with God’s help, in establishing equal justice and protection for the preborn according to the authority of God’s Word as well as local and federal law, and call upon pastors and leaders to use their God-given gifts of preaching, teaching, and leading with one unified, principled, prophetic voice to abolish abortion, and be it finally

(18) **RESOLVED**, that, because abolishing abortion is a Great Commission issue, we must call upon governing authorities at all levels to repent and “obey everything that [Christ] has commanded,” exhorting them to bear fruit in keeping with repentance by faithfully executing their responsibilities as God’s servants of justice, and working with all urgency to enact legislation using the full weight of their office to interpose on behalf of the preborn, abolishing abortion immediately, without exception or compromise (Mark 6:18; Matt 28:18-20; Rom 13:4, 6).

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WHY ANOTHER ABORTION RESOLUTION?

Southern Baptists have not failed to be pro-life. We have pro-life statements. We have pro-life Sanctity of Life sermons. We have pro-life articles, videos, and conferences. But we have failed to be a unified, prophetic voice demanding of our magistrates the total and immediate abolition of abortion in Jesus' name.

Compromise is the language of worldly politicians, not of the bride of Christ. When it comes to child sacrifice, Southern Baptists' message to the world must be as unequivocal and steadfast as Scripture itself. We have no right to retreat a single inch from God's holy standard. It is God who softens and hardens the hearts of magistrates, but while results belong to Him, the duty to be faithful is ours. Our witness to the magistrates must be in accordance with God's demand that justice be established in full (Isa 1:10-17; Jer 22:3; Amos 5; Micah 6:8; Zechariah 7:8-10; Luke 11:42; Matt 23:23).

This resolution provides a unique opportunity to lead the American Church on this issue. Southern Baptists have repeatedly repented of our convention's complicity in the national sin of chattel slavery. Here is our chance to prove those words weren't hollow by demanding the abolition of the evil of our own age.

Brothers and sisters, God's word demands nothing less than abortion's abolition. This must be our singular demand. As we make it, may our demeanor be "more of the spirit of Christian combatants, and less of worldly politicians," as Elizabeth Heyrick wrote in her brilliant pamphlet *Immediate, Not Gradual Abolition*. May we not be tempted into compromise, but instead declare, "Thus says the Lord." May abortion be abolished for the glory of Jesus Christ, the furtherance of His kingdom, and the joy of the preborn.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Didn't the Supreme Court say we're not allowed to abolish abortion?

Yes, but the more important question we must ask is, "By what standard does the Supreme Court have the authority to force the states to allow mass murder?" According to the Constitution, any statute, court opinion, or regulation that mandates unequal protection is null and void by nature. Further, even if *Roe* did have a basis in the Constitution, state governments would be obligated to ignore it. Greater still, above any man-made statute, is the law of God, written on every man's heart and in Scripture, which outlaws murder. Will we abide by the Supreme Court's opinion that mass murder should be legal, and thereby ignore the U.S. Constitution and God's Word? Or will we abide by God's Word and the U.S. Constitution by ignoring *Roe*? See articles 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 14, 18.

2. Pro-life bills give immunity to the mother in all cases. Why doesn't an abolition bill?

There is nothing loving about laws which allow people to murder their own children without consequences. This is not compassionate. It is a moral atrocity that actually brings harm to abortion-minded parents. By only criminalizing abortionists and giving the mother automatic immunity in all cases, pro-life laws protect self-induced abortions. Just law must criminalize the act of abortion itself, not simply prohibit certain people from performing it. Inconsistencies like giving out automatic immunity played a major role in the *Roe* decision. *Roe* author Harry Blackmun wrote in footnote 54 of the *Roe* decision that by giving automatic immunity to principal perpetrators of the crime, the state of Texas was betraying the fact that they didn't actually think

preborn humans were fully human and deserving of protection. In order to avoid undercutting the anti-abortion argument morally and legally, Christians must consistently treat abortion as murder according to God's Word.

3. Are criminal penalties retroactive?

No. Those who had abortions prior to abortion's abolition will not be prosecuted.

4. What about situations in which the mother's life is truly endangered?

When talking about the mother's "health," it's important to be very specific with our terms. The health exception defined in *Doe v. Bolton (1973)* is broad enough to include virtually anything, such as anxiety. In a situation where the only way to save the mother's life is to end the pregnancy, it may be necessary to deliver the child early. As a result of early delivery, and depending on the age of the child at delivery, some children may not survive and that's a tragedy, but there is no circumstance that necessitates the child be murdered and then delivered. It's always the responsibility of the doctor to treat both human beings involved like human beings and attempt to save both and it's always the responsibility of the magistrates to outlaw murder. Mother and baby must be overseen by medical staff in hospitals, not murder-minded abortionists in an abortuary.

5. Abolition bills are good, but aren't incremental bills still good, even if they're not as good?

Incremental bills that regulate when, where, why, and how a mother or father can murder their preborn baby, do nothing to actually save lives. These iniquitous decrees do, however, serve as legal precedent for murdering the most vulnerable, innocent among us. Regulation bills also communicate to the culture the

insidious idea that we are bound by every arbitrary court opinion up to and including orders to allow mass murder. Further, these bills teach dehumanizing, murder-justifying misinformation about preborn human beings. Outside of abortion mills, abortive mothers often parrot talking points justifying abortion that they learned from pro-life laws: “It’s okay. My baby won’t feel any pain.” “Life doesn’t begin until a detectable heartbeat.” In conservative states, incremental bills and the incremental ideology are quite literally all that’s standing in the way of abolition bills being passed, signed, and enforced.

Incremental pro-life bills defy and usurp God’s authority and His Word. Jesus did not come preaching the gospel saying, “Incrementally repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” No. Jesus commands, with all authority, for all Christians to teach all people “to obey all that [He] commanded” (Matt 28:19-30). Jesus never commands His people to compromise with the culture of death. He is King. Every knee must, and will bow to Him. God’s Word is the schoolmaster teaching God’s holy will. His grace trains us “to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions” (Titus 2:12). The conscience, working in coordination with the law He has written on the heart, only approves of full repentance, not partial. God never promotes an incremental approach to mortifying sin in our personal lives, or otherwise, so neither should we.

The only way to make war on that which is making war on Christ, is by Christ’s weapons; by His rule and reign through His powerful Word. Abolitionists commit ourselves to do that which God has called us to do regardless of the consequences. Duty is ours. Results belong to God.

RESOURCES FOR FURTHER STUDY

Southern Baptists for Abolishing Abortion

was founded to connect likeminded Southern Baptists who desire abolition, and to support the Resolution on Abolishing Abortion.

Visit: **SouthernBaptistsAbolishingAbortion.com**
and follow Southern Baptists for Abolishing Abortion on Facebook
to connect with us and learn more about abolitionism.

Rescue Those is a resource ministry of Ekklesia Muskogee which features presentations from Southern Baptist pastors Dusty Deevers, Brett Baggett, and Jon Speed, along with former Senator Joseph Silk, and abolitionist T. Russell Hunter teaching Christians what they MUST do about abortion.

Visit **RescueThose.com** and follow Rescue Those on Facebook.

Free the States is a Christian legislative lobbying organization and the hub for abolitionist news, analysis, and teaching.

Visit **FreeTheStates.org**, follow Free the States on Facebook and YouTube, and subscribe to *The Liberator Podcast* wherever you listen to podcasts.

Liberty Rising is an organization founded by former State Senator Joseph Silk dedicated to educating and equipping the saints to engage their legislators for the glory of God.

Visit **Liberty-Rising.org** and follow Liberty Rising Institute on Facebook.

End Abortion Now is a ministry of Apologia Church which provides local churches with free resources for abortion mill outreach.

Visit **EndAbortionNow.com** and follow End Abortion Now on Facebook.

Resisting Balaam is an abolitionist podcast where Baptist pastors Derin Stidd (SBC) and C.R. Cali (Particular Baptist) seek to encourage the saints to stand firm with Him on His word against the accusations made by the world, the flesh, and the devil, as we engage the culture of death that demands the sacrifice of our children.

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