

The Silent Church

***“... It is quiet in the city. Quiet in the churches.
We have built a peace that dying children do not disturb.”***

(Excerpt from poem published by Defenders of Life)



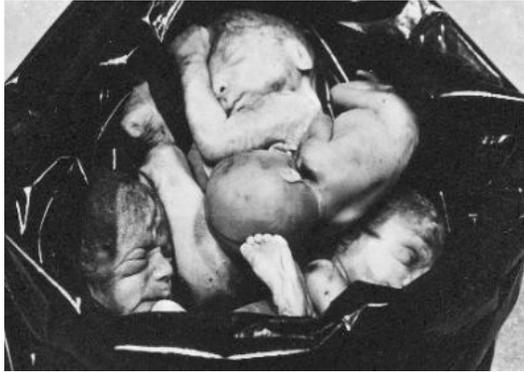
The above picture shows the reality of abortion. This is not an intellectual debate topic or women's rights issue, but the revelation of a human being destroyed in the womb of his mother. The above 11-week-old baby was killed by a method in which his arms and legs, head and torso were violently pulled and twisted apart without the admission of anesthesia, causing a shockingly painful death for this child.

What is so mind-numbing is that this act or "right to choose" an abortion is done approximately 3600 times each day in the United States. This equates to one abortion performed every 25 seconds in a country that many in the Church today believes to be a Christian nation. It is estimated that from 1973 through 2007 approximately 50 million preborn human babies have been aborted in America for convenience reasons, not to save the life of the mother. Our nation has allowed the abortion holocaust to continue for 35 years, and many in the Church have remained silent and have not spoken out for those who have no voice.

We as the Church need to understand that judgment begins with the house of God (1 Peter 4:17). Are we ready to stand before the Righteous Judge and defend our role in stopping the shedding of innocent blood? In Isaiah 1: 15-17, God plainly states, for His people then as well as now, "When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you...Your hands are full of blood...Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless..."

It is time for the Church to wake up and stand without compromise on the moral issues of the day. God wants His Church to be salt and light in a world that embraces personal gratification above all else, even if it comes at the expense of the weakest members of the human family. Do we agree with our nation that the preborn are property or trash? The Body of Christ has a mandate to speak out for those who are voiceless, and to reach out to those hurt by abortion. We need to recognize that the good news of Jesus Christ and His

Holy Spirit will provide the healing and hope necessary to turn lives around from the culture of death, to seeking Godly alternatives in “choosing life.”



Aborted babies in a trash container, the result of a morning's work at a teaching hospital.

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and the needy.”
Proverbs 31:8,9

“The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’” Matthew 25:40

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