



## 50 Years' Anniversary by Ron Bartanen

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

50 YEARS' ANNIVERSARY! No, I'm not referring to a celebration of anyone's wedding anniversary. I'm not even alluding to any celebration. The killing of children — even unborn children — is no cause for celebration. Tomorrow (Sunday January 22, 2023) will be the 50th anniversary of the infamous Roe vs. Wade declaration of abortion as a "constitutional right". This day calls for mourning, not for rejoicing over the loss of some 55 million innocent children who have since been subjected to a torturous death. It calls for weeping, not only for the children, but also for the nation. We have since become a nation that has lost its soul. While we can rejoice over the U.S Supreme Court recently reversing the Roe V. Wade decision, the legalization of the killing of unborn children weighs heavily upon our nation's conscience. While several states have opted to ban abortion, many others still support it.

For the Christian who seeks to determine direction as to what is good and what is evil, he/ she will not look to states' court justices, but to God's word. As we stand before God we cannot expect Him to judge us on the basis of decisions made by fallible judges. Yes, there is a Judge more superior than even SCOTUS judges. In the darkness of this world, God has provided Christ as the embodiment of truth. Jesus declared, "I am the way, truth and the life" (**John 14:6**). In His prayer to the Father prior to His death He recognized God's word as truth, saying,

"Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy word is truth." (**John 17:17**)

His word declared,

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man. (**Genesis 9:6**)

During these 50 years we have been shocked by the callous disregard for human life as we have experienced incidents of a number of shootings by crazed gunmen. Politicians seize this as an opportunity to attempt to disarm American citizens rather than to call our society to repentance. Even young children are making the headlines in shootings and stabbings. We cannot seek, as a nation, to insulate our children from Christian influences, while at the same time subjecting them to violent movies and video games, and expect them to have a respect for human life. They have grown up in a generation that has, for five decades, shown them by example that life is expendable for profit and convenience. By taxation we have even forced all taxpayers to support Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider. Companies are sometimes forced into providing health insurance to cover abortion-inducing pills for lascivious employees. With all the political jargon on trying to cut back on our nation's trillion-dollar budget deficit, I have not heard any suggestion of even reducing the flow of funds to the baby-butchered mills. We may blame the politicians, but they

represent us. Some of us put them into office, and we keep them there. We have been 50 years wandering in the wilderness of rebellion against the Author of life. That's 50 years too long! May our moral senses be awakened out of the darkness of indifference and willingness to tolerate such evil.

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