

WALKING IN WISDOM (**Colossians 4:5**) Number #18

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Questions & Replies by John T. Polk II,

QUESTION: "What is the big deal about 'Roe v. Wade'?"

ANSWER:

1. The Supreme Court of the United States' (SCOTUS) ruling in Roe v. Wade has remained virtually unchanged since it was handed down on January 22, 1973. The Judges ruled (7-2) that though states did have an interest in protecting fetal life, such interest was not "compelling" until the fetus was viable (placing viability at the start of the third trimester), *Roe v. Wade* 410 U.S. 113 (1973) Supreme Court of the United States 1973. Thus, all state abortion laws that forbade abortion during the first six months of pregnancy were thereby invalidated. Third trimester abortions were declared to be legal only if the pregnancy threatened the life or health of the mother. In Section IX, B, the ruling stated: "Texas urges that, apart from the Fourteenth Amendment, life begins at conception and is present throughout pregnancy, and that, therefore, the State has a compelling interest in protecting that life from and after conception. **We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy, and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer.**" [410 U.S. 113, 160, *emphasis mine, jtpll*]

The entire ruling depended upon the Judges' confusion over, and ignorance of, exactly when life begins in pregnancy! While trying to consider only human opinions, they "legalized" the slaughter of 63 Millions of innocent U.S. babies since then based entirely upon what they did not know! *If the Father is a living human,*

and the Mother is a living human, there is no time the child is NOT a living human! If not, why not?

2. God has always condemned Government slaughter of babies:

(1) The Egyptian Pharaoh demanded the death of all male babies (**Acts 7:18-19**), but Israelites "who feared God" refused (**Exodus 1:15-22**). God made Pharaoh release His people and destroyed Pharaoh and his army (**Exodus 8:1- 15:21**). Pharaoh's plan was to kill boy babies immediately after birth!

(2) God's prophet, Elisha, wept at the future actions against Israel by the king of Syria, Hazael, because he would "dash their children, and rip open their women with child" (**2 Kings 8:10-13**). God brought withering war against Syria in Hazael's son's reign (**Amos 1:3-5**). Hazael's plan was to kill all babies before birth!

(3) Herod's slaughter of all male children aged 2 years old and under, in Bethlehem (Matthew 2:13-22), led to his death shortly thereafter. His plan was to kill male children from birth to toddler!

3. One of the Seven Abominations God hates is "hands that shed innocent blood" (Proverbs 6:16-19). Before Birth, And After Birth, It Is Murder To Slaughter Human Babies! ---- www.johntpolkll.com

Salted Speech **Colossians 4:6**

~Actually... all education is self-education. A teacher is only a guide, to point out the way, and no school, no matter how excellent, can give you an education... What you receive is like the outlines in a child's coloring book. You must fill in the colors yourself.

~Louis L'Amour, *The Lonesome Gods*, 1983

~Nothing is as stupid as an educated man if you get him off the thing he was educated on. ~Will Rogers

~It is only the ignorant who despise education. ~Publius Syrus, 1st century BCE, from the Latin by D. Lyman, 1856

The Three Bears

Once upon a time, there were three bears... No, no, no – that's the wrong three bears. Far from a fairy tale, the three "bears" listed in Galatians 6 are vital to living a fulfilling Christian life. Of course, you may have already figured out that these are not the furry animals, but the concept of carrying a responsibility. Now, let's look at the three "bears".

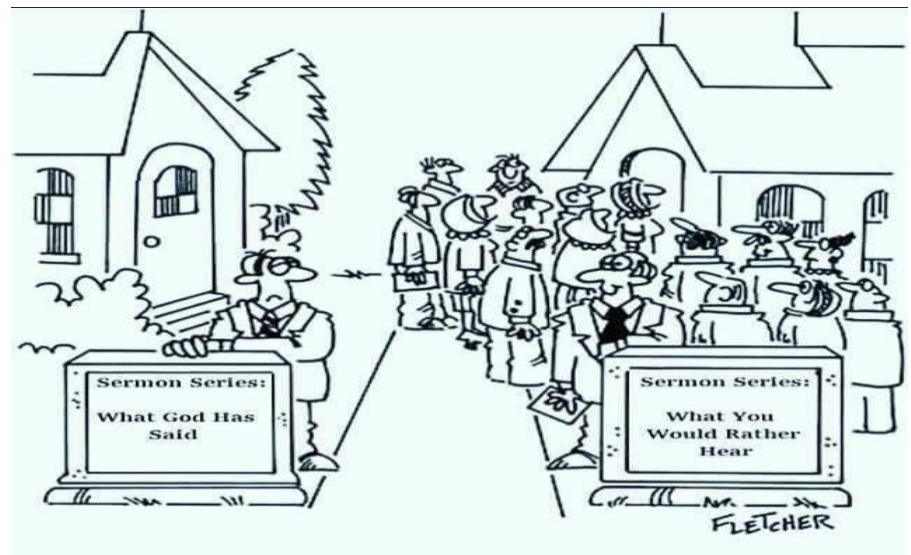
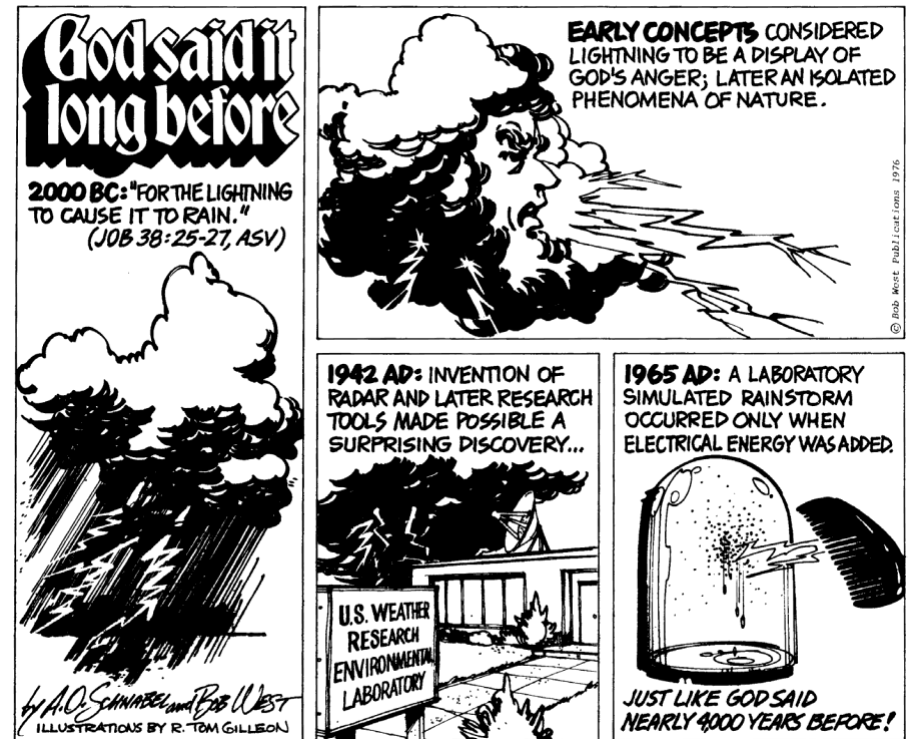
Bear One Another's Burdens (v.1-2). This means that we are supposed to help others, especially those in the church (v.10). Life is especially burdensome for some and, as we are able, we should help them carry their load. For ease of remembering, let's call this first bear "**Share Bear**".

Bear Your Own Burdens (v.3-5). This passage teaches the need for personal responsibility that another cannot carry for us: our personal decisions, the consequences of our actions, our own individual responsibilities, etc. We should not let others bear these for us. The words that follow in v.6-9 are a great admonition to just how individual this concept is. We will name this bear "**Aware Bear**".

Bear the Marks of Christ in Your Body (v.11-17). Paul bore in his body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ (likely physically from beatings, mistreatment, etc.). But there is another indication in the word "marks" in the Greek text. It is the Greek word "stigma" and literally means "a mark pricked or branded upon the body". Paul may very well be saying, I am branded with the mark of Christ – not that he had a tattoo, but that he was totally dedicated to Christ – he was Christ's slave. This is why I believe Paul used the phrase "the Lord Jesus" – Jesus was Paul's Lord and Master (v.14). Thus we need to be willing to bear the marks (or stigma) that come from faithfully following Christ and telling others about Him. Thus, let's identify this bear as "**Declare Bear**".

My hope for all of us is what Paul's was for the Galatian Christians: "*Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit*" (v.18). And let us be reminded that it will be so if we bear in our bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus (be a Declare Bear), be responsible with ourselves and our lives (be an Aware Bear), and help others (be a Share Bear).

- Edd Sterchi



A girl worth kissing is not easily kissed.

