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The Unfortunate Statistics in the USA

□ After Roe vs. Wade fell, abortions still increased in the USA. ✓ 1,026,690 in 2023 (up from 930,160 in 2020) □ There have been over 60 million abortions completed. □ Pro-Choice supporters use rape and incest as primary arguments, but they represent less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of the total abortions. □ Yet, 86% of the abortions are for the following reasons: ✓ The baby would interfere with college or a career \checkmark The mother doesn't have enough money or maturity, or is not ready \checkmark The mother doesn't want to have anymore kids \checkmark The mother doesn't want to be a single mother Do you know that for every baby that is waiting to be adopted, there are over 30 couples waiting to adopt?

Church denominations that support abortion rights despite what the scriptures proclaim:

> United Methodist Churches ELCA Lutheran Churches Presbyterian Churches of the USA > United Church of Christ Episcopal Churches Unitarian Universalist Churches Did you know that early Christians adopted abandoned children? What was Plan Parenthood's Founder's Position?
Have you had an abortion? Know that there's forgiveness!
Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger, from her autobiography wrote about African Americans revealing one of the primary purposes of the organization:

 "the gradual suppression, elimination and eventual extinction, of defective stocks — those human weeds which threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization."

Sanger even tried to use church leaders to support abortion saying: "We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."

What do the scriptures say?

Psalm 139:13-16 (ESV) ¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Jeremiah 1:4-5 (NKJV) ⁴ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Who controls whether the womb is open or closed?

1 Samuel 1:5 (NIV2011) But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb.

Genesis 20:18 (NASB1995) For the LORD had closed fast all the wombs of the household of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

Genesis 29:31 (NKJV) When the LORD saw that Leah *was* unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel *was* barren.

Genesis 25:23 (NIV₂₀₁₁) The LORD said to her [Rebekah], "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

Do we see and treat children as a great blessing?

Psalm 127:3-4 (NASB1995) ³ Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth.

Matthew 19:14 (NIV2011) Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Whether you have children or not, how are you building Christ into the children God has placed in your life?