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Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

PAT BUCHANAN

"I don't think a mother has a right to put to death her unborn child. The unborn child is an independent human being with rights of its own from the moment of conception...[in reference to using fetal brain tissue to cure Parkinson's disease and freezing fetal parts for later use] It's not vastly different from what the Germans did. As soon as you say that human beings are things, they can be used as objects, that they don't have any inherent sanctity of life and they really are the property of the state or the property of a mother, as we say in this country, then upon what ground do you stand to stop people from using those experimentations?"

BEN KINCHLOW

"Jesus does deliver people from guilt and somebody said, 'Well how do you know?' Well I killed three of my own children so I know that Jesus Christ will forgive you for your sins."

TERRI MEEUWSON, 700 Club anchorwoman

"We hear people talking about rights involved in this, a woman's right to choose what happens to her body. As Christians, how do we resolve that issue?"

DR. HERB TITUS, Dean of Law and Government

"It's so important to think of that from a Biblical understanding. Too often when we talk about rights we think of it in terms of what did the Supreme Court say, of what do legal scholars say. But what we really need to know is what does the Bible say? At the very heart of the claim of the woman's right to take the life of this baby in her womb is a notion that somehow if she doesn't want the child, the child is unwanted. But the Bible teaches that there is no such thing as an unwanted child. Every child is wanted by God. Children aren't born by a time and chance process. Children are designed by God... So we have to get away from this idea that somehow the creation of a child is really just a physical process that takes place between a man and a woman."

KINCHLOW

"Terri Meeuwson, let me ask you a question. One of the things that I hear so much so many times, there are ladies of some stature in public life who are movie stars, singers and this sort of thing who say 'Oh come on. I've had a couple of abortions. It's really no big deal. I mean it's a simple surgical procedure. What's all the big mess?' How can people say that when we have ladies who come saying that after 35 years of anguish, they're still tormented by it?"

TERRI MEEUWSON

"Because, Ben, I think we live in a society where we have learned to lie to ourselves so that we can do anything that we want to do. I mean the whole philosophy is that if it feels good, do it. Is this convenient or inconvenient to me, is what it boils down to. And also I think one of the things that has happened with women...they were afraid of losing relationships. Do you know what that comes out of? That comes out of us not knowing who we are in Jesus Christ."

700 CLUB 1-26-88

Ben Kinchlow's Departure

Ben Kinchlow announced that God has been speaking to him and he will be leaving the show as of March 1, 1988. Bob Slosser, CEO for 700 Club told Ben that if he decided he wanted to return, there will always be a spot for him.

A STUDY IN THE WORD 1-28-88

JIMMY SWAGGART

"...Well, don't we find that society, when it no longer recognizes sin for what it is, tries to change the meaning of sin and it does that by legalization process. For instance, the entire United States Congress, for years has been in this process. They may have done so unknowingly but they've done it. For instance, we look at the problems of illegitimacy, the problems of so-called unwanted pregnancies, the problems of children getting pregnant, the problems of a bloated population, all of these problems. So he legalizes. Man does. Abortion, he changes the name of it. We've become very adept at just changing the name thinking that somehow changes the nature of the problem and the guilt will no longer be there. It's no longer prostitute anymore, it's party girl. It's no longer a dead beat, he's a freeloader. And so it goes on and on. A homosexual these days is just today, an alternate lifestyle. So we change the names in these things. Abortion is no longer murder, it's just the cessation of viability. The removal of a blob or something of this nature, a piece of tissue. But in all of this process, it does not matter if the Supreme Court puts it's seal of approval upon abortion, homosexuality, or whatever it may be, that will not in any way alleviate the guilt. Guilt will still follow. How many letters do we receive from homosexuals? When they are

honest, they will write and say, 'guilt is killing me. I can't stand it anymore. It's driving me crazy.' Because they're sinning against God, against themselves and the plan of God. But they try to do it as you have said, by changing the very meaning or definition of what's going on. The counselor says, 'Well you can put some spice in your marriage. You shouldn't feel guilty over this. It will really help you, the adulteress relationship you're having.' But still, the guilt will follow."

700 CLUB 1-29-88

AIDS

TIM ROBERTSON

"Now on the issue of homosexuality and how the church then responds to it. Because it's one thing to have homosexuals or someone with AIDS who says I repent. I have met Christ. What does the church do about the whole issue of homosexuality in general in society today?"

DAVID CHILTON, pastor, Church of the Redeemer, Placerville, CA

"In response to homosexuality, the church has to say that this is a sin. It's not a sickness, it's not genetic, it's not something else. It is a sin. It's wrong. But that also means that it's only a sin. It's not something ontological. It's not something inherent in a person's nature. It is not something that he can't be changed from. Jesus came into the world to free the world from sin. To destroy the works of the devil..."

KATHY BULLOCK, CBN News reporter

"On this piece that we saw earlier, it's a very complicated issue. We see a young student who goes to East Texas Bible College. The college asks him to leave because he has AIDS even though he is morally, spiritually and academically fits every other criteria of the university. As president of CBN University, should we have the same incident in the future, what would you do?"

BOB SLOSSER

"Let me start by saying, Kathy, that it's a very hard issue. It's a hard thing and the nation has got to come to grips with things like this and I believe what we must do first is find the Christian response, the biblical response is what we need to find. And as a first step, I think we need to see that the causes of AIDS or at least the major causes of AIDS are homosexuality and drug use, the needle use, and blood transfusions and so forth which we have to see that homosexuality and drug use are sins. We've got to label it that. So this problem is growing from sin and we have to acknowledge that. And when we deal with somebody who has AIDS, if they haven't repented of that and haven't come to the Lord, they need to do so and we've got to make sure we're dealing with that. A second thing

is that we must remember that the scripture teaches us...that the government, the civil authorities, have a responsibility to the general population. In other words, the society has some rights just as the individual does and those societal rights may exceed the individual rights sometimes and that's a difficult thing that we have to come to grips with. Now having said all that, I believe that CBN University operating from a biblical position would probably not expel a student who had AIDS. We would make it known, It would have to become known, not hidden and then we would want to let them go to school, finish their programs and we might or might not let them live in university housing because there are some concerns there.