

Then God said...

## THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

Proponents of the 1973 Roe v Wade decision cheered because it allowed women “the right to choose” to abort a baby safely. Many people said that the decision would be, “*only the beginning*” of what would happen in the future. They said that in later years, abortion would be expanded to include late term abortions. That has come true. Sixty million abortions have been performed since 1973. Now several states have passed laws permitting the death of full term babies and babies born alive. These states have legalized infanticide.

### Picture

“In the beginning”, God created the world and humanity. God asked humanity to live in relationship with Him as their God, and they as His people. But they rebelled, seeking to rule themselves, and create a new beginning. This sin was repeated by individuals, then a large group of people sought to create a new beginning by uniting around a common language, and build a tower to heaven to “make a name for themselves.” (Gen. 11:4) This is the Tower of Babel story.

Then God said, “*This is only the beginning of what they will do.*” He knew if He allowed humanity to build the tower, they would seek to make themselves god and find unity in themselves. But God knew He was their true beginning and that humanity would ultimately find unity in Jesus, and His Spirit at Pentecost. So he did not allow them to build the tower, and he confused their language and scattered them.

But this was “only the beginning”. Look what we have done regarding abortion. We have broken every commandment; we have destroyed and corrupted God’s creation. God knew this would happen, so He limited our power, asserting his rule no matter what we have tried to do. God will continue to rule no matter what we do.

God offers a “new beginning” to those who have been misled by our culture, and accepted and participated in abortion. Every one of us can know the forgiveness of sins through Jesus. We can make a welcomed return to His family with all those who have done wrong.

Thanks be to God we have our *true* beginning in God, and we have a *new beginning* in Jesus Christ. Any darkness we create cannot overcome God's love. Have you found your new beginning in Christ? Find it this week at a church centered on God and the Bible.