

THEY ARE HUMAN

While it seems ridiculous to us in this enlightened age, slavery was accepted by many on the ludicrous notion that negro people were less than human. Please consider this time line:

- No one can say specifically when slavery came to America. Some say that the native Americans had slaves even before the white man imported slaves from Africa. One source indicates that African slaves were brought to Virginia by a Dutch ship as early as 1619.
- Ultimately large numbers of slaves were brought to America and became an integral part of the economy. Many became rich because of slave labor.
- Not everyone in the U.S. believed in slavery, and from the very beginning it was a constant source of discussion and debate.
- In Feb. 1821 Congress passed the **Missouri Compromise** declaring that all territory W. and N. of Missouri should forever be free from slavery.
- In 1854 congress rejected the Missouri Compromise and passed the **Kansas Nebraska Act**. Among other things it provided that the people of these territories be allowed to determine the slavery question for themselves. That bill was introduced by Sen. Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois.
- On March 6, 1857 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in the landmark **Dred Scott decision** that slaves were not legal "persons". A slave was determined to be the legal property of the owner and could be bought, sold, used, or even killed at the owner's discretion.
- The slavery issue became a key issue in the famous **Lincoln - Douglas Debates**. Douglas insisted that it was an insult to the people of Kansas to infer that they were not capable of deciding the question of slavery for themselves.
- Lincoln responded: "I admit that the emigrant to Kansas and Nebraska is competent to govern himself, but I deny his right to govern another person without that person's consent".
- The crux of the matter, however, boiled down to the fact that Lincoln considered the negro to be a man endowed by his Creator with the inalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
- Douglas did not believe that negroes were equal with whites.
- Douglas said: "As between the crocodile and the negro, I take the side of the negro; but as between the negro and the white man, I would go for the white man every time."
- Lincoln sarcastically replied: "As the negro is to the white man, so is the crocodile to the negro; and as the negro may rightfully treat the crocodile as a beast or reptile, so the white man may rightly treat the negro as a beast or reptile." Then Lincoln said that those who agreed with this outrageous premise had Judge Douglas to thank for stating it so succinctly.
- Again, by way of repetition, the crux of the matter involves the humanity of those enslaved. Once their humanity is established, the question of slavery must be seen in a totally different light.

NOW LET US APPLY THE SAME REASONING TO ABORTION!

- Abortion is accepted by many today because unborn children are considered less than human.
- Over 40 million reported abortions have taken place since 1973.
- Abortion also makes many people rich. According to the annual report, Planned Parenthood received revenues in the 1998-99 fiscal year totaled \$660.7 million dollars.
- The brain of an 8 weeks unborn infant brings \$999 and every other body part also has a market value - kidney \$125, liver \$150, thymus \$100, bone marrow \$350, ears \$75, etc.
- Both slavery and abortion were made legal by Supreme Court decisions.
- Both slavery and abortion are still wrong!
- Negroes are human no matter what the Supreme Court once said.
- Unborn babies are human no matter what the Supreme Court still says.