

## The Real Supreme Court

Attention has been placed on the Supreme Court over the last number of years. The selection of Judges has been important but it was easy to get a nominee through the confirmation process. Now the hearings are stages for political debate as political one faction over another does their best to get a judge who will rule in their favor. Recently attention has come from a “leaked draft” written by a Judge opposed to Roe V. Wade and abortion. This article is not addressing the abortion issue per se but the way many see the role and function of the Court.

The Supreme Court has cases brought before it which deal with Constitutional matters. After arguments are made, the Justices deliberate, and eventually make ruling. Such rulings may be narrow in scope or broad. (I know this is a simplified explanation but this is the limit of my legal expertise.) Such rulings are to be based on the Constitution and the Judges interpretation. It is not to be based on popular opinion, politics or who brings the case before the Court.

As citizens of this country the rulings of the court has a great affect on our rights and privileges. We might complain and wish for a different outcome but the rule of the Court is the final say. There is the possibility the Constitution can be amended so as to change the law, or a later court could re-examine the issue in a new case and thus change the ruling of the Court.

While people are now really upset or hopeful at the potential ruling which could change our nations laws on abortion, we have to realize this is a man-made court. The Supreme Court is not infallible nor are man made laws perfect.

In the Bible we read of the “real Supreme Court” which is “the Judgment seat of Christ.” “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Most of us will never appear before our nation’s Supreme Court or have a case tried there. I have no idea of how many cases are heard each year or how many petitions it takes for the court to hear their case but only a very small number actually makes it to the Court. However, we will all appear before Christ on the Day of Judgment. Mankind throughout the ages will all be there. Thus, the decision of this Court will affect each one of us eternally.

While our Justices are not perfect and may in fact rule improperly, the one deciding our eternal destiny is perfect. His perfection is taught in the New Testament, especially in Hebrews as He is our perfect High Priest. "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15).

His rule is not with prejudice or malice but according to what we have done in our life time. No one will stand in our place; the actions of others will not matter. Perhaps some think their godly spouse or parents will get them to heaven or because someone else did bad and caused them to stop serving the Lord, they will be excused. Those who put a stumbling block before us will answer for their deeds but we are responsible for our own.

The Constitution is the basis for the Supreme Court's rulings, the Law of Christ will be the standard applied to us. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him--the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day." (John 12:48). Unlike our Constitution which has been amended, the Law of Christ is perfect and does not change. That revealed by the Holy Spirit and uttered on the Day of Pentecost still applies to us. The conditions of salvation given in Acts 2:38 has not changed over the past 2,000 years. It is in our best interest to read God's Word and apply it to our lives.

There will be no future appeals, no last-minute stays, no statute of limitations, there will be justice which demands punishment for the unjust. Our hope and God's grace extended to us is His Son, Jesus Christ, as He died for us. He took our place on the cross and shed His blood for us. It is through His blood we have the forgiveness of our sins. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." (Ephesians 1:7).

We will need to be ready to stand before the Judgment seat of Christ. - - Dennis Tucker