**Genesis 1:27-28 – Part 2**

**I. ...Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth…**

**II. Christians should distinguish between birth control and conception control**

**III. Birth Control that** **destroys a fertilized egg or seeks to prevent the healthy delivery of a developing fetus is contrary to the will of God (i.e. ‘sinful’), and deserving of punishment**

**IV. A Biblical view of Contraception Control requires:**

A. A Biblical View of Children

 B. A Biblical View of Trials

 1. The Inevitability of Trials and Affliction

 Gen. 3:15 …enmity…sorrow…desire…rule over…cursed…sorrow…thorns…thistles…

 Psalm 34:19 …Many are the afflictions of the righteous…

 John 16:33 …in the world you will have tribulation…

 Acts 14:22 …We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God…

 2. The Utility of Trials and Afflictions

 Psalm 119:71 - It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

Romans 5:3-4 - Knowing that tribulations worketh patience; And patience experience; and experience hope…

 Romans 8:18-39 …sufferings of this present time…conformed to the image of his Son…

II Cor. 4:16-18 …for our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory…

 James 1:3 - Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

 Heb. 5:8 - Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

 3. Receiving Trials and Afflictions

 James 1:2 …count it all joy…

 Rom. 5:3 …we also glory in tribulations…

 I Pet. 4:12-19 …rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings…

Phil. 3:10 - That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

 4. Our Victory over Trials and Afflictions

Ps. 34:11-15 …Keep your tongue from evil…depart from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it…

Ps. 37:1-8 …Do not fret…Trust in the Lord and do good…Delight yourself also in the Lord…Commit your way to the Lord…Rest in the Lord…Cease from anger and forsake wrath: do not fret…

Hebrews 12:1-2 - Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

 D. A Biblical View of The Sovereignty of God