

# Abortion

## Introduction

1. **This is an election year. There are candidates running for the offices of Governors, Senators, House of Representatives, etc.**
  - A. **One might ask: “Who should I vote for?” We have a responsibility to vote and therefore, should vote for the candidate that best represents the God given values set forth in the Bible.**
    - 1) **There are some major moral considerations that a Christian should look for in a candidate.**
  - B. **This morning we are going to examine the major issue of Abortion.**
2. **On January 22, 1973 the Supreme Court of the United States made a major decision regarding the child that was waiting his chance at birth.**
  - A. **Texas law prohibiting abortion was struck down. “Personhood” was denied to the unborn child.**
  - B. **Since this ruling, over 55 million babies have been slaughtered in American abortuaries. More Americans have died by abortion than in all of the wars in which our soldiers have ever participated.**
    - 1) **Since the Revolutionary War and counting the Civil War there have been approximately 1.4 million soldiers killed in battle.**
  - C. **Church denominations across the country are divided on this issue. Some are Pro-abortion while others are not.**
    - 1) **But what does the Bible say? Is it sinful?**

## Why Do Abortions Occur?

1. **Someone might ask: “Why do women desire abortions?” Some might say because of rape, incest, birth defects, or a mother’s life is in danger.**
  - A. **Here’s a shocking stat: Less than 1% of all abortions occur because of those reasons ([abort73.com](http://abort73.com)).**
    - 1) **Half of pregnancies among American women are unintended. 4 in 10 of these end in abortion.**
    - 2) **21% of all U.S. pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion.**
    - 3) **Unmarried women account for 85% of abortions.**
    - 4) **51% of U.S. women obtaining an abortion are under the age of 25.**
    - 5) **At current rates, nearly 1/3 of American women will have an abortion.**
    - 6) **3/4 of the women who have abortions say:**
      - a) **that having a baby would interfere with work, school, or other responsibilities.**
      - b) **they cannot afford a child.**
      - c) **1/2 say they do not want to be a single parent.**
      - d) **only 12% of all women who had an abortion said that a physical problem with their health was the reason for the abortion.**
      - e) **89-92% of all abortions occur within the first trimester (prior to the 13<sup>th</sup> week). 8.1% occur between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> week.**

## Why Abortion Is Wrong

1. **First of all I will say this: “The person who is desiring to be obedient to the Lord’s word, as revealed in the Bible, cannot have or perform an abortion without being guilty of sin.” Here are some reasons why:**
  - A. **Abortion is murder.**
    - 1) **Murder is defined as: “the unlawful and malicious or premeditated killing of one human being by another.”**
    - 2) **The Lord commanded:**

Exodus 20:13 You shall not murder.

Genesis 9:6-7 Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God he made man. And as for you, **be fruitful and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth and multiply in it.**

- a. **Abortion is a pre-meditated decision to destroy the life of an unborn child, usually for selfish reasons.**
- b. **Just because American law in the 20th Century has made it legal, does not change the law of God.**

**B. Abortion shows a disregard for human life.****1) Man is created in the image of God, and this is why the killing of another human being is wrong.**

Genesis 1:26-27 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God **He created him; male and female He created them.**

**2) Abortionists have a distinctly inferior view of human life.****a. Some who work actively to protect the unborn of endangered species (bald eagle), can see that the unborn eagle is an eagle, but cannot identify the unborn baby as a baby?**

- **Heavy fines and jail time are given to those who abort an eagle's egg. But one can walk out of an abortion clinic with no similar consequences.**

**b. Children are considered a "heritage to the Lord" (Psalms 127:3) and a "blessing" (Psalms 128:3).****c. Bible women who were barren felt unfortunate (Sarah and Hannah). Many women today, upon finding out that they are pregnant, instead of being happy, see the child as a threat to their lifestyle and happiness.**

**C. Abortion is usually performed for selfish reasons.****1) Christian ethics demands the following:**

Matt 22:39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

Phil 2:4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

**2) The decision to abort a baby usually is made for selfish reasons and here are some of them:****a. The child will interfere with my lifestyle.**

- (1) Children cost money and take time. So instead of making provisions she makes plans - plans to kill the child in order to continue living the same lifestyle.**

**b. The child will interfere with my mental health.**

- (1) Some believe that a birth will damage a mother's mental health. If giving birth contributes to mental illness, the entire human race is endangered!**

**c. The abortion will cover up my fornication.**

- (1) Abortions are performed because the fornicator does not want to face the natural consequences of their sin.**

Galatians 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, **fornication**, uncleanness, lewdness,

1 Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither **fornicators**, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, **but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body**. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, **and you are not your own?** For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, **which are God's**.

**d. Abortion threatens the mental stability of the mother.**

- (1) Mothers must live with the guilt of knowing they murdered their unborn.**
- (2) This especially occurs when they are later married, and have their first child. They remember that the “other” child was killed and they made the choice to do it!**

## When Does Life Begin?

1. **Some object to the charge that abortion is murder by stating that life does not begin until birth.**
  - A. **The pro-abortionists insist that life does not begin until birth. They use language designed to emphasize that the pre-birth child is not a person. They refer to the child as a fetus or fetal-tissue.**
    - 1) **They refer to abortion as “terminating a pregnancy”. These are terms that pro-abortionist use to re-inforce their view that pre-birth infants are not humans yet.**
2. **Some anti-abortionists argue that life begins at the moment of conception. This has been defended on the biblical grounds that the Greek word *brephos* is used to describe the child both before and after birth.**

Luke 1:41 And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that **the babe leaped in her womb**; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Jer 1:5 **Before I formed you in the womb** I knew you; **before you were born I sanctified you**; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

Ps 139:13-15 For You formed my inward parts; **you covered me in my mother's womb**. I will praise You, for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made**; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, **when I was made in secret**, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

## Conclusion

1. **Abortion is a sin which separates a person from the fellowship of God.**
2. **Those who receive and perform abortions are guilty of violating the Lord's revealed will.**





# Plans

Someday I'll have my first birthday, and it will be such fun,  
Oh I'll be such a big boy, when I get to be one.

And I know my dad will be there to teach me to play ball,  
And mommy will fix my skinned knees whenever I trip and fall.

And when I'm five I'll start to school and learn and run and play,  
I just can't wait until I'm born and start living each new day!

I might be on the football team, or maybe play in the band,  
And when I'm grown I'll find a wife and we'll walk hand in hand.

And I know that I will learn of God and be a Christian too,  
And I will start a family, maybe raise a preacher or two.

For there are hundreds of lost, lonely souls who really need to hear,  
And my children will want to teach them to love the Savior so dear.

And when I'm old I can sit back and relish the golden years,  
And be happy for those whose lives I've touched,  
that were better because I was here.

Oh boy! I hear mommy talking, I bet she's making plans too.  
Oh mom I just can't wait to be born,  
and tell you how much I love you!

But wait, the plans I've heard are bad, oh please don't say it's true!  
I had so many plans for life, so much I wanted to do!

And what I've heard has told me my plans will never be,  
For my mother just talked to the doctor,  
**tomorrow they're going to kill me.**

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