

The Sin Of Abortion

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Due to social and political pressure, many Christians today struggle with the issue of abortion. We are constantly told by the liberal media and by atheistic doctors that abortion is a good and necessary thing. After all, the “fetus” isn’t actually a real person, right? That’s what they say. And sometimes, the mother just isn’t ready to raise a child? And that passes as justification for murder! The woman was willing to have promiscuous sexual relations but now she isn’t willing to accept the consequences of her actions? Immature and wicked! In this short article, we will discuss from a biblical standpoint why abortion is sinful.

It is first of all necessary to show that an unborn baby is a living person in the eyes of God. Concerning the infant Jesus, we are told in Luke 1:41, “And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutations of Mary, the *babe* leapt in her womb,” and then in Luke 2:12, “And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the *babe* wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.” Can you see it? Between the two verses, Jesus went from being unborn to born, yet in both instances, He was referred to in the same way- a babe. The word “babe” comes from the Greek word “brephos” meaning, “babe, child, infant, young child” and can be used to refer to a child before or after birth. Clearly, an unborn child is a living person, and to take away the life that God has given is murder. Because murder is sinful (Gal. 5:21), abortion too is sinful.

Furthermore, several Old Testament passages show the care and concern God has for unborn children. In Jeremiah 1:5, for example, God tells the weeping prophet, “Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.” Also, in Psalm 139:13-14, “For Thou hast possessed my reins: Thou hast covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” Twice, we see God’s care and love for the unborn. This proves to us that God considers unborn babies sacred, just as all life is sacred (Gen. 9:6).

Abortion is wicked. To willingly and frivolously destroy life is to reject God. But do not think that the awful crime of abortion is unique to American culture. Mark Felix, an early Christian lawyer, said of the Romans, “There are some women among you who by drinking special potions extinguish the life of the future human in their very bowels, thus committing murder before they even give birth. Another early Christian leader said, “In our case, since murder is absolutely forbidden in any form, we may not destroy even the fetus in the womb.” Let us oppose the sin of abortion just as the early Christians did, despite the social and political pressures of the day.

Why is it that people feel justified in killing unborn babies? Is it because they cannot yet see the innocent eyes staring back at them? Is it because they cannot feel the five tiny fingers gripping just one of their own? Is it because they cannot feel the rise and fall of the baby’s chest as it rests on their own stomach for an afternoon nap? Is it because they ignore the life that this child could have- learning to walk, going to school for the first time, riding a bicycle and getting married? Despite the “humane” procedures that the medical world boasts of using, we must never back down from the truth- that abortion is sinful. Life is precious to God. Is it to you?