

## ABORTION

### I. WHAT THE WORD OF GOD HAS TO SAY ON THIS SUBJECT

- A. The Word of God teaches that God considers an unborn child to be a real person before birth and He holds those accountable who would injure an unborn child.
1. There is first of all no doubt about this when we consider the penalties prescribed under the Old Testament law for those who would injure an unborn child or cause premature birth ( Ex. 21:22-25 ).
    - a. Notice if someone caused a child to be born prematurely he was to be punished even if it caused no harm \_to the child ( Ex. 21:22 ).
    - b. On the other hand if someone caused a child to be born prematurely and it harmed the child then that person was to be punished in the same manner that he would be if he had harmed any person regardless of age ( Ex. 21:23-25 ).
  2. That God considers an unborn child to be a person is clear when we consider the ways in which unborn children are referred to in \_the Scriptures.
    - a. Notice how God referred to Jeremiah. Before Jeremiah was ever formed or conceived and then including every stage of his development God had ordained or chosen him to be a prophet ( Jer. 1:5 ).
    - b. We find also when the Psalmist referred to himself he mentions how God formed and fashioned each part of \_his person according to His plan ( Psa. 139:13-16 ).
    - c. Thirdly, we find in regard to John the Baptist that he was filled with\_ the Holy Spirit "from his mother's womb" . This was evidently true at six months after conception and he was no doubt controlled by the Holy Spirit because he leaped for joy when Mary who was carrying the Christ-Child, came and greeted Elizabeth his mother ( Lk. 1:41, 44 ).
    - d. Notice also how God referred to Jacob and Esau before they were born ( Gen. 25 : 22 , 23 ).
    - e. There is no question\_that Christ was a person

before His body was conceived. When He "took upon Himself the form of a servant" it was at the moment of conception by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:31; Phil. 2:6-8).

B. The Word of God teaches by inference that abortion is murder

1. There is no question that a soul comes into existence at the moment of conception because there is no life in a person where there is no soul. It is also apparent that the sin nature is passed on to each person at the moment of conception (Psa. 51:5). Since these two things are imparted at the moment of conception then from that very instant that life is a real person with a soul that will live somewhere for all eternity. In the case with all unborn children who are murdered through abortion, they will be in heaven.
2. Based upon the fact that God considers an unborn child to have a soul and be a real person it follows then to take the life of an unborn child is to kill a person or commit murder which God condemns (Ex. 20:13).

C. The Word of God speaks of how people will do away with the children and it no doubt applies to those who commit murder through abortions (Isa. 57:1-6).

## II. WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY ON THIS SUBJECT AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH WHAT THEY SAY

A. The biggest contention of the abortion advocates is that the fetus or embryo is not a human being. They say it is merely a piece of tissue without life and without feelings.

It should be noted that from the moment of conception the fetus or new life begins cellular development and there is within its genes the whole of what a person will become. As this life process progresses we find within 17 days the new life has its own blood cells. In 19 days its eyes begin to develop. In 24 days its heart begins to beat. And within 56 days all the organs such as the stomach, liver, kidney and brain are functioning.

B. Other advocates of abortion argue that a mother has a right to terminate a pregnancy or rid herself of any potential hazard to her own life. This is the argument propagated by many that the mother's life is in jeopardy.

As we would consider a case like this where the mother's life is unquestionably in jeopardy and it comes down to either saving the life of the mother or the life of the child then what should one do? If it is a dire case to save the life of a mother at the time of delivery then most would choose to save the mother's life. But let me say this is rarely the case when an abortion is being considered. Most abortions come about because of the sin of the fornication or adultery and it is the only solution some can find to try to cover up their sins. As a consequence most abortions are performed during the early stages of pregnancy. And it should be noted that 98% of all abortions are done for elective, non-medical-reasons.

C. Some say that abortion is justified when tests

show that a child would be born abnormally or handicapped in some way. So rather than being burdened with a life-long responsibility of caring for such a child they contend that abortion would be a right and justifiable thing.

If one followed this philosophy and applied this principle, then it would be right to kill one's parents when they get old, blind, senile, and can't take care of themselves! Such reasoning is similar to what Hitler followed in his attempt to create a perfect society in Germany.

### **III. WHAT THE CHRISTIAN SHOULD DO IN REGARDS TO THIS SUBJECT**

A. The Christian ought to realize just how developed the little babies are which are being killed through abortion.

1. Notice within 18 days the heart is beating and it is pumping blood through its own circulatory system with a blood type which is usually different from the mother.
2. Notice within 28 days, 40 pairs of muscles have developed and the arms and legs are formed. Then by 8 weeks old the unborn baby feels and responds to pain, sucks its thumb and is able to grasp with its hands.

B. The Christian ought to aware of the different methods by which abortions are performed.

1. The method used in 95% of the abortions is the suction method. A powerful vacuum tube is inserted into the womb which tears and dismembers the different parts of the body as it removes the

placenta from the uterus. These parts are recognizable as arms, legs, head and the like. Sometimes the uterus is punctured during this procedure and hemorrhaging results. Also infection can set up if any of the placenta or fetus is left in the uterus

2. Another method is called dilatation and curettage\_or D & C. This involves inserting a spoon-shaped instrument with sharp edges to scrape the wall of the uterus and detach the placenta from it. There is often considerable bleeding involved in this procedure.
3. A third method usually used after 16 weeks\_is the saline solution method. This involves inserting a needle directly into the sac and injecting a salt solution that actually pickles and poisons the infant so that it dies within an hour or so. This causes the mother to go into labor and within a few days she delivers the dead child. This is the second most common method and it has been outlawed in some countries because of the tremendous risks to the mother.
4. Another method called hysterotomy is used if the saline solution method fails. It is similar to a cesarean\_section and involves abdominal surgery to remove the baby. Often the baby is removed crying but dies within a short time.
5. For a graphic view of the wide-spread partial-birth method the reader should copy and click on the following site to see just what is involved:  
[www.nrcl.org/abortion/pba/diagram.html](http://www.nrcl.org/abortion/pba/diagram.html)

C. The Christian should keep himself or herself from becoming involved in sinful relationships which would produce such a problem as what to do with an unwanted child and be tempted to seek such a solution as murder through abortion.

D. We as Christians should look upon abortion as murder and a horrible sin that people are committing all across our land and in much of the world. Multi-million babies each year are killed by abortions.

E. The Christian should be aware also that abortion is only one step away from genocide or killing of the elderly who become burdensome to others.

F. Finally we as Christians should be opposed to legislature permitting abortions, and we should refuse to vote for and support those legislators who condone it.