
ABORTION

Psalm 127:3

INTRODUCTION

Over 150 years ago our nation was deeply divided and ripped apart over the issue of slavery. Not since those traumatic times has America been subjected to such division and pain as has the clear and present danger of abortion. As with every controversial issue, the question is not: What do we think? The question is: What does God's Word say?

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- A. A brief _____ of abortion in the United States:
- 1821 – Connecticut passes the _____ law in the United States barring abortions after “quickening.”
 - 1860 – Twenty states have laws _____ abortion.
 - 1875 – Feminist Susan B. Anthony spoke out _____ abortion.
 - 1890 – Statutes, advocated by the American Medical Association, outlaw abortion unless necessary to save the life of the _____.
 - 1963 – The Society of Human Abortion is _____ in San Francisco.
 - 1967 – Colorado is the _____ state to liberalize its abortion laws.
 - 1969 – Abortionists Lawrence Laden and Dr. Bernard Nathanson help _____ the National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, now called NARAL Pro-Choice America. Nathanson later _____ his abortion stance and admitted to falsifying statistics in order to garner sympathy for the pro-abortion cause.
 - 1973 – Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision strikes down _____ state laws that had previously made abortion illegal.
 - 1973 – Doe v. Bolton makes abortion on demand _____ through all nine months of pregnancy.
 - 1979 – Bellotti v. Baird ruled that teenagers do _____ have to obtain parental _____ to obtain an abortion.

- 2003 – Congress passed and President George W. Bush signed into law the “_____ -Birth Abortion” law.
- 2017 – President _____ fulfills a campaign promise by appointing pro-life Justice, Neil Gorsuch, to the Supreme Court.
- For a far more complete understanding regarding the history of abortion in America, visit: Students for Life history of abortion.

B. Abortion _____:

1. Since 1973 well over ____ million babies have been killed in the United States with abortion procedures – Guttmacher Institute
2. An estimated ____ million induced abortions occur each year worldwide – Guttmacher Institute

C. Abortion _____ games:

- One primary tactic of abortion advocates is to conceal the harsh truth about abortion with softer-sounding words!
1. You’re not _____ a baby; you are “terminating a pregnancy.”
 2. You do not have a responsibility; you have a “_____.”
 3. Conservatives (especially Christians) are “_____ -abortion” (rather than pro-life) – Abortionists are “pro-choice.”

II. **BURNING ISSUES**

- While there are many questions regarding abortion, we will consider three of the most important:
- A. Is an _____ baby a human being?
- The Supreme Court, by allowing abortion at any time during the pregnancy, had by implication declared that _____ does not begin until _____.
1. Yes, an unborn baby ____ a human being because life _____ at conception.
 - a. The _____ a male sperm unites with a female ovum, each having 23 chromosomes, a new and unique 46 chromosome human being “zygote” (“_____” cell) is created!
 - This new creature has all of the genetic information that a fully developed person has.

- The _____ begins to beat between the eighteenth and twenty-fourth day after conception.
 - _____ have been recorded as early as forty-five days after conception.
- b. Because of this _____ genetic code, we know that the baby in the womb is not merely a _____ of the mother's body.
- c. The developmental requirements of the _____ in the womb are exactly those of babies _____ the womb.
- Medical experts know that an unborn child is not a "potential life." Rather, it is a _____ with a great _____!
2. As Christian apologist, Gregory Kousser writes, "If the unborn is _____ a human person, no justification for abortion is _____...If the unborn is a human person, then no justification for abortion is _____."
- B. Accepting the _____ that life begins at conception: Should abortions be _____ up to the point of viability?
1. Viability refers to the ability to live, to _____ on its own.
2. This justification is invalid for at least two reasons:
- a. Viability has _____ to do with humanness!
 - Viability is an arbitrary measure of what someone can _____, not what someone _____.
 - b. Children upon their _____ are not viable!
- C. Even if we are _____ to abortion, isn't it wrong to legislate _____ values on others?
1. No, because of the absurdity of the argument: Apply the _____ to other immoral activity...
- "I'm _____ to murdering children, but I don't want to impose my values on others."
 - "I'm opposed to _____, but if you want to do it, go ahead."
2. The objection to imposing values assumes that values are _____ personal—a matter of _____ or taste.
- Murder is wrong not simply because you object to it, but because it _____ moral/natural and Biblical _____!

III. **BIBLICAL INSIGHT**

- A. God, our Creator, reveals that humans are unique and _____ because we are formed in His _____ – Genesis 1:27; Psalm 100:3; Isaiah 44:24
- B. Human life _____ at conception:
1. The Bible does not make a definitional distinction between a child in the _____ and a child _____ birth:
 - Exodus 21:4, 22 are good examples: Postnatal life (v.4), and a woman “_____” child (v.22).
 - The same Greek word is used to _____ John the Baptist in the _____ (Luke 1:41-44) and the _____ killed by Pharaoh (Acts 7:19)!
 2. To say that one does not become a person until birth is to say that God _____ nonpersons in the womb. Such is _____ true to Scripture – Job 10:8,9; 31:15; Psalm 139:13-16
 3. God consecrated Jeremiah as a prophet while he was in the _____ – Jeremiah 1:5
- C. God is the _____ of human life – Psalm 127:3
- No one has the _____ or is given the “_____” to take an innocent human life, unless in the case of the child’s own mother’s life being in imminent _____!
- D. Adoption is the Biblical _____ to an unwanted pregnancy and an unwanted child. It is a beautiful _____ of how God loves us and desires to make us a part of His family – Galatians 4:4-7
- E. God is not only the _____ who hates the sin of abortion, but He is also the Saviour who _____ sinners! Through genuine repentance and confession, anyone can receive forgiveness from God – Psalm 103:11,12; Isaiah 43:25; I John 1:9

<p>Simple morality dictates that unless and until someone can prove the unborn human is not alive, we must give it the benefit of the doubt and assume it is (alive). And, thus, it should be entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>--President Ronald Reagan</i></p>
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