



Grace Life Church *of Dallas*

The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God



A Biblical Perspective of Abortion

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Genesis 4:8-10

8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. 9 Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?”

10 And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

Silence in the face of evil is itself evil.

God will not hold us guiltless.

Not to speak is to speak.

Not to act is to act.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer



Why focus on the particular sin of abortion?

- 1) Abortion is a clear contradiction against God's Word
- 2) Abortion has led to the murder of nearly 60,000,000 babies in the last 45 years in America
 - 22% of all pregnancies in the U.S. end in an abortion
 - Globally over 50,000,000 per year. That is 1.58 abortions per second.
- 3) Abortion is a sin that is legalized, unashamedly promoted and fought for, and any stand against it is referred to as "unloving" and/or "bigoted".
 - Many in our society seek to minimize the sin of abortion by referring to it as "Pro-Choice", "Women's Rights", and "Healthcare".
- 4) Most, if not all of us (church), are becoming numb and indifferent to the modern holocaust unfolding before our eyes (We need to begin in confession and repentance)

When does life begin according to the Bible?

- **Jeremiah 1:4-5** *Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”*
- **Psalms 139:13-16** *For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance (Hebrew word for embryo); in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.*
- **Isaiah 49** *Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.....v5 And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant*
- **Luke 1:41** *And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb.*

Meditate on these verses this week

Biblically speaking babies in the womb are seen as individuals, distinct from their mother, and placed in the womb by God.

Why is it wrong to kill these people?

- **Genesis 1:27** *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*
- **Genesis 9:6** *Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.*
- **Exodus 20:13** *You shall not murder*

Does the Bible speak even more specifically about abortion?

Exodus 21

V12 Whoever strikes a man so that he dies shall be put to death

V22 when men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay the judges determined.

V23 but if there is harm then you shall pay life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

How far reaching is the sin of abortion?

Romans 1:28-32 *And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, **evil**, covetousness, malice. **They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness.** They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, **heartless, ruthless.** 32 **Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.***

- Guilty by action and approval: Mother, father, those who give rides, everyone at the clinic (receptionist, nurses, doctors, door protectors), judges approve/defend practice, politicians, lawmakers, etc.

Our Responsibility Biblically:

- **Proverbs 31:8** *Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute.*
- **James 1:27** *Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*
- **Proverbs 24:10-12** *10 If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small. 11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. 12 If you say, “Behold, we did not know this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?”*

Our Responsibility Practically:

- Our response must begin in prayer: Confession and repentance of our indifference; and our unbelief that God can end abortion, and save all those involved.
 - We must continue steadfastly in prayer for our hearts, salvation of the lost, abortion to end (Colossians 4:2, Luke 18:1-8)
- All we do must be motivated by the gospel, and lead by the gospel. The gospel must be central in all our work, not a side note. The end goal is not to end abortions, but that the gospel would transform hearts, and if hearts are transformed, abortions end (along with every other sin). **Romans 1:16** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*
- Exposing the darkness by the light of truth-Eph 5:8-13) *Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.*
- The gospel must not only lead our efforts but our hearts: Pray that our hearts would be filled with gospel compassion, gospel love and gospel humility (Colossians 3:12-14, 1 Corinthians 13, 2 Cor 1:3-11)
- Legislation: God may save lives through legislation. Prov 21:1, Romans 13:1-7
- **James 1:22** *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.* Pray for God's will to be done in us and through us