

"We are in a holocaust of convenience killing" (John MacArthur).

WHAT DOES GOD SAY ABOUT THESE ISSUES?

• **SCRIPTURES dealing with life/killing/taking of life**

- Ex 20:13
- Ex 21.22-25
- Gen 9.6
- Ps 22.9-10 - the baby belonged to God even from the womb
- Ps 82.3-4
- Prov 6.16-19
- Prov 8:36**

• **CHILDREN are gifts/blessings given by GOD!**

- Ps 127.3
- Gen 17.16 - blessing was having a child
- Ruth 4.13-14 - God enables a woman to conceive & this results in blessing/thanks to God!

• **BABIES in the womb are CHILDREN/living souls made by God**

- Job 31.15
- Job 33.4
- Jer 1.5
- Matt 1.18
- Luke 1.41 [cf. 1.15] -- speaks of BABY (Greek: *brephos*) = 1 Pet 2.2 speaks of baby (Greek: *brephos*) [ONE is before birth >> one is after birth = **in mother's womb or OUT of mother's womb = SAMEWORD**]
- Psalm 139:13-16 [v.16 - embryo; unformed substance = this refers to the **earliest stage of child's development.**]

WORLDWIDE statistics:

- Number of abortions per year: approximately 42 million
- Number of abortions per day: approximately 115,000

UNITED STATES statistics

- Number of abortions per year: 1.21 million (2005)
- Number of abortions per day: approximately 3,315
 - per hour - 138 abortions
 - per minute - between 2-3 abortions per minute in our nation
 - Some would tell us there is an abortion about every 15 seconds in America.
- 93% of all abortions occur for social reasons (that is, the child is unwanted or inconvenient).
- An estimated **35% of all women** will have at least one abortion by the time they are 45 years old.

SO WHAT IS ABORTION?

• **Abortion is the taking of life. It has become an industry, a solution, an excuse to avoid responsibility.**

- Abortion is **murder**. Abortion is the premeditated killing of a human being (the unborn child), with malice aforethought. The fact that governments legalize one form of murder while outlawing other forms of murder, is irrelevant. God has set the standard.
- Abortion is **malicious** because it is a crime of convenience. Men and women are choosing to murder their unborn children because they can't afford to raise a child, or because they are not emotionally ready or mature enough to raise a child, or because they don't want to have to drop out of school, or because the man (term used loosely) will leave her if she has the baby, or because they simply don't want a child.

AND WHY IS ABORTION SINFUL?

- **Premise #1:** It is wrong to murder a person.
- **Premise #2:** The unborn is a person.
- **Conclusion:** Therefore, it is wrong to murder the unborn.

How do you know the UNBORN IS A PERSON?

1. **possesses personal attributes** (In Psalm 51:5, David says, “Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.” In Luke 1:44, “For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.”)
2. **Described by personal pronouns** [Second, the Bible also uses personal pronouns to describe unborn children. Jeremiah 1:5 says, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Matthew 1:20-21 states, “But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.’”]
3. **Jesus was a BABY at conception** [Third, regarding the conception of Jesus, Matthew 1:20 says, “But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.’” The fact that the angel tells Joseph that “the Child who has been conceived” is “of the Holy Spirit” indicates that Jesus certainly was a person at the moment of conception.)
4. **The Bible calls the unborn CHILDREN** [Fourth, the unborn are called children. Luke 1:41 states, “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit (1:44).”; esp Ps 139!!)
5. **Protected by the same punishment as for adults** [perhaps the strongest argument against abortion from Scripture is the fact that the same punishment is applicable to someone who kills or injures an unborn child as for one who kills or injures an adult. Exodus 21:22-23]
6. **Called by God before birth -- from the womb** [Sixth, the unborn are even called by God before birth. Almost echoing the prophetic commission of Jeremiah in Jeremiah 1:5, Isaiah 49:1 says, “Listen to me, O islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar, the LORD called me from the womb; from the body of my mother He named me.”]
7. **Known personally by God just like any other person** [Seventh, the unborn are known personally and intimately by God in the same way He would know any other person. Describing David, Psalm 139:15-16 says, “My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written; the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them.” Describing the prophet Jeremiah, Jeremiah 1:5 says, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.” [adapted from CARM.org]

From Dr. Jerome Lejeune [French Pediatrician and Geneticist, French National Center for Scientific Research]—

“Life has a very long history but each individual has a very neat beginning, the moment of its conception. The material link is the molecular thread of DNA. In each reproductive cell, this ribbon roughly one meter long is cut into pieces twenty-three, or chromosomes. As soon as the twenty-three paternally derived chromosomes are united through fertilization to the twenty-three maternal ones, the full genetic meeting necessary to express all the inborn qualities of the new individual is gathered and personal constitution takes place. At two months of age, the human being is less than one thumb-length from the head to the rump. He would fit at ease in a nutshell, but everything is there, hands, feet, head, organs, brain. In the fourth week, there is consciousness. All are in place. His heart has been beating for a month by the second month. His fingerprints can be detected, his heart is beating 150 to 170 beats a minute. To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place, a new human being has come into being, is no longer a matter of taste or opinion.”

All of this leads to the following necessary & biblical conclusions:

- ▶ Women who have abortions are murderers.
- ▶ Doctors who perform abortions are murderers.
- ▶ Men [boyfriends/husbands/partners] who assist their wives, daughters, girlfriends, friends, or prostitutes in any way to have an abortion are accessories to murder-- just as guilty.
- ▶ Women who assist their sisters, daughters, friends in any way to have an abortion are accessories to murder.
 - ▶ **Why? Romans 1:31-32**
 - ▶ In the last days people are “lovers of self” [=abortion!]

Top 3 reasons why women have abortions:

- 1) most say it would interfere with work, school or other responsibilities
- 2) Many others say they cannot afford a child
- 3) Still others say they don't wanna be a single parent or have problems w/ partner

The Worship of “Molech” —

SCRIPTURE: Lev 18:21; 20:2, 3, 5; Deut 18:10; 2 Chron 33.6; Jer 7:31; 32.35; Ezek 20:31; Ezek 23:37, 39, 49!

WHAT MUST WE DO?

“Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved.” *[Martin Luther]*

“State officials must know that we are serious about stopping abortion, which is a matter of clear principle concerning the babies themselves and concerning a high view of human life.” ~ Francis Schaeffer

“Christ died that we might live. This is the opposite of abortion. Abortion kills that someone might live differently.”
~ John Piper

Remember! A PREGNANCY is never an accident; the creation of a baby in the womb of a mother by God is a divine gift by a supernatural God by his sovereign grace all according to His sovereign decree.

PROV 31.8 - ‘OPEN YOUR MOUTH FOR THE MUTE’

Let us bear in mind 10 crucial ways we must be involved...**LET US...**

- ➔teach the beauty of **LIFE**
- ➔teach the power of **GOD**
- ➔teach the holiness/sanctity of **SEX**
- ➔teach the miracle of **CONCEPTION**
- ➔teach the blessing of **CHILDREN**
- ➔teach the availability of **FORGIVENESS**
- ➔teach the power of the **GOSPEL**
- ➔teach the necessity of **PROCLAMATION**
- ➔teach the urgency of **COURAGE** [GO to the mill! Stand!]
- ➔teach the privilege of **SUFFERING**

“Christians should be at abortion mills, all of them, every day. And we should not be silent. What we should be doing is proclaiming the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. We should be imploring butchers, butchers’ assistants, boyfriends, grandmothers, pregnant moms to turn from their sin, to repent and throw themselves on the mercy of God in Christ. We should be pleading with the blind that they not further sear their consciences, and dance across

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the precipice of hell. We should be calling men to be men, to protect rather than murder their children.” (RC Sproul, Jr.)

WHEN WE'RE THERE [at the 'abortion mill'], WHAT DO WE SAY?

- We **preach the gospel** & plead with SCRIPTURE -- Law & Gospel. [20 seconds from car to building?]
- **Gen 1.27** God made man in his own image.
- **Ps 127.3** - Children are a gift of the LORD;
- **Prov 3.7** - don't be wise in your own eyes; fear God & Turn away from evil;
- **Prov 14.12** - there is a way which seems right to a man but its end is the way of death.
- **Rev 21.8** - the murderers have their part in the lake of fire that burns with brimstone, which is the second death.
 - **Street preaching** outside abortion clinics is a vitally important ministry. It is emotionally and spiritually challenging. It can be physically dangerous. It is not for the faint-of-heart or the spiritually immature. Done biblically, soberly, and lovingly, street preaching outside abortion clinics can and is used by God to save the lives of unborn children and the souls of those who participate in the killing of the unborn.
 - Go! Stand! Proclaim! Hold a sign! Weep! Pray! Be there! Call out! Experience the silent holocaust! Speak for the mute!

In addition to citing Scripture, here are some **short phrases** one can quickly communicate to those walking into abortion clinics:

- “There are alternatives to killing your baby.”
- “Give me your baby. Allow your baby to live and I will help you find a family to adopt your child.” [Or, “*I Myself will adopt your baby!*”]
- “You know this is wrong, for God has given you a conscience.”
- “God hates murder. Please don't kill your baby.”
- “God knows your child. He knit your child together in your womb.”
- “Please do not kill your baby. He or she has been created in the image of God.”
- “Please don't sin against God this way. You will stand before Him to give an account for what you are about to do.”
- “You are making a choice. You are ending a life. You are killing your baby.”
- “You do not stop being a mother after you kill your baby. You will always be a mother.”

REMEMBER: The loving thing to do is “speak truth in love” >> give gospel.

When we go to abortion mills, we have **specific, Christ-exalting goals** [=why we can't link with Catholics/ecumenicals]

- 1) We **preach** the gospel & plead earnestly for SOULS. We speak of wrath, coming judgment, sin, murder. Then we give the balm of Christ, His salvation, repentance & faith.
- 2) We speak honestly of the sin of murder & the reality of abortion & warn of judgment.
- 3) We want babies saved -- and we want to glorify Christ & proclaim His great Name!
- 4) We speak, hold signs & call ANY and ALL to be saved [e.g., butchers, moms, dads, grandparents, escorts, protesters]

GOSPEL URGENCY:

Rev 21:8 & 22:5 are still true = murders don't go to heaven — they go to the Lake of Fire

Change comes thru gospel proclamation!

- › We preach a **Christ who judges**

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- ▶ We preach a **Christ who died**
- ▶ We preach a **Christ who suffered**
- ▶ We preach a **Christ who rose up!**
- ▶ We preach a **Christ who saves/forgives**
- ▶ We preach a **Christ who loves!**
- ▶ We preach a **Christ who changes!**

Charles Spurgeon said:

"SINNER -- if you trust in Christ, He will forgive you the blackest sin into which you have ever fallen!"

COUNSELING THE POST-ABORTION WOMAN**

- We [at CFBC] need to be equipped to ***COUNSEL*** the post-abortion women. steps for the woman who wants help (and seeks it) **POST-ABORTION:**

1. **help her take RESPONSIBILITY for her own actions.** She needs to be helped/counseled/ shown to own up to her participation in the part of the baby's conception as well as the abortion. Call it what it is...sin. Repent of that sin. Turn from it. Run to Christ!
2. **GIVE HOPE is one of the most important steps.** Assure from Scripture that **NO MATTER** what ugly truth comes out of her life, nothing can separate a true child of God from God's love (Rom 8.37-39). Ultimate hope is found in God's great character (Psalm 145, Lamentations 3, Romans 15, etc.)
3. **GATHER AS MUCH DATA as possible** [by means of good questions to **uncover the heart**]
 - How did you become sexually involved? How'd it all begin?
 - How do you respond/act/think when you 'heard you were pregnant?'
 - Did you get counseling? how'd you come to the decision to abort the baby?
 - Who drove you to the abortion clinic? what did the staff/Dr tell you about the procedure?
 - Discuss the physical, emotional, or spiritual changes that you've observed in yourself?
 - Has lying become a habit in your life? covering truth? not telling the whole truth?
 - Who knows about this decision you've made?
 - Where is God **now** in your thinking? In your life? In this situation? Do you have guilt?

- **WOMEN who have had abortions** – especially in the church – **will face common issues that they'll need to wage war with utilizing God's Word:**

- 1. struggling with guilt and depression [Ps 42-43, 88]
- 2. struggling with anger [James 1, 4]
- 3. finding reconciliation & restoration (with God, and others) [2 Cor 5, Matt 18, Ps 103]
- 4. With Scripture, God's Word, God's Spirit, God's people, and earnest discipline, a woman -- by God's grace -- can thrive, flourish, and be conformed into the likeness of Christ day by day (Eph 4)

Hymns that teach towering, biblical, Christ-exalting theology pertinent to these issues discussed:

<p>Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. <i>Grace, grace, God's grace,</i> <i>grace that will pardon and cleanse within;</i> <i>grace, grace, God's grace,</i> <i>grace that is greater than all our sin.</i></p>	<p>Arise My Soul, Arise My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear: With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.</p>	<p>There Is a Fountain The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day; And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away: <i>Wash all my sins away,</i> <i>Wash all my sins away;</i> And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins away.</p>
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DEPTH OF MERCY

To the tune of: *Man of Sorrows, what a Name!*

Depth of mercy! Can there be
Mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear,
Me, the chief of sinners, spare?

I have long withstood His grace,
Long provoked Him to His face,
Would not hearken to His calls,
Grieved Him by a thousand falls.

I have spilt His precious blood,
Trampled on the Son of God,
Filled with pangs unspeakable,
I, who yet am not in hell!

I my Master have denied,
I afresh have crucified,
And profaned His hallowed Name,
Put Him to an open shame.

Whence to me this waste of love?
Ask my Advocate above!
See the cause in Jesus’ face,
Now before the throne of grace.

Jesus, answer from above,
Is not all Thy nature love?
Wilt Thou not the wrong forget,
Permit me to kiss Thy feet?

If I rightly read Thy heart,
If Thou all compassion art,
Bow Thine ear, in mercy bow,
Pardon and accept me now.

Jesus speaks, and pleads His blood!
He disarms the wrath of God;
Now my Father’s mercies move,
Justice lingers into love.

Kindled His relentings are,
Me He now delights to spare,

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Cries, “How shall I give thee up?”

Lets the lifted thunder drop.

Lo! I still walk on the ground:

Lo! an Advocate is found:

“Hasten not to cut Him down,

Let this barren soul alone.”

There for me the Savior stands,

Shows His wounds and spreads His hands.

God is love! I know, I feel;

Jesus weeps and loves me still.

Pity from Thine eye let fall,

By a look my soul recall;

Now the stone to flesh convert,

Cast a look, and break my heart.

Now incline me to repent,

Let me now my sins lament,

Now my foul revolt deplore,

Weep, believe, and sin no more.

— Charles Wesley (1700's)

REPENTANCE! Plead for God’s mercy; Repent of our apathy, inactiveness, silence on the issues because of ‘fear of man’ [Pray for God to shut ALL abortion mills, pray for destruction of murder mills, repent of the littleness of our preaching & pleading]

REVIVE THY WORK, O LORD

Revive thy work, O Lord,

thy mighty arm make bare;

speak with the voice that wakes the dead,

and make thy people hear.

Revive thy work, O Lord,

disturb this sleep of death;

quicken the smold'ring embers now

by thine almighty breath.

Revive thy work, O Lord,

create soul-thirst for thee;

and hung'ring for the Bread of Life

O may our spirits be.

Revive thy work, O Lord,

exalt thy precious Name;

and, by the Holy Ghost, our love

for thee and thine inflame.

Revive thy work, O Lord,
 give pentecostal show'rs;
 the glory shall be all thine own,
 the blessing, Lord, be ours.

RECOMMITMENTS! Pray for God's grace & strength to serve Him & actively play a part in this. [Ongoing prayer, intercession for many who do go to murder mills regularly/weekly, train our children, speak of this sin, going/attending outreaches there]

RISE UP, O MEN OF GOD!

Rise up, O men of God!
 Have done with lesser things.
 Give heart and mind and soul and strength
 To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God!
 The kingdom tarries long.
 Bring in the day of brotherhood
 And end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God!
 The church for you doth wait,
 Her strength unequal to her task;
 Rise up and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!
 Tread where His feet have trod.
 As brothers of the Son of Man,
 Rise up, O men of God!