

BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR BEING PRO-LIFE

Abortion

- Abortion: The deliberate termination of a human pregnancy (murder)



Christians are for
the well-being
and prosperity of
ALL people
throughout their
journey of life
(from womb to
tomb)

- Abortion is a serious sin, but that is why Jesus died on the Cross – so that we could be forgiven of our sins and brought into a relationship with the living God through faith and repentance.



Church History

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- Christians throughout church history have affirmed with a united voice the humanity of the pre-born child.

Church History



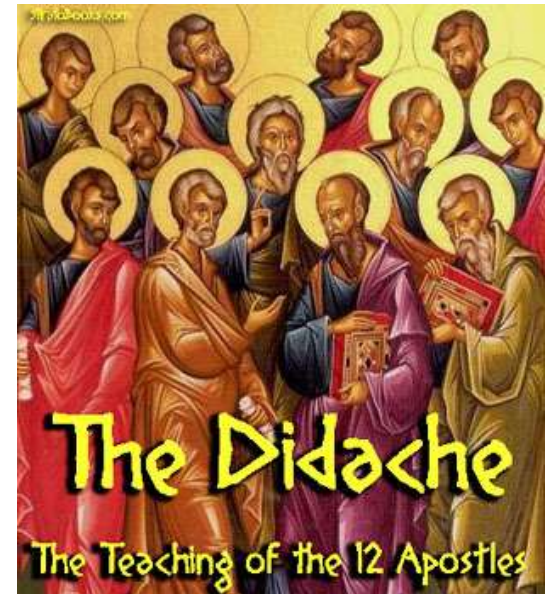
THE EPISTLE
OF BARNABAS
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- The 2nd century *Epistle of Barnabas* speaks of “killers of the child, who abort the mold of God.”
- Also, “You shall love your neighbor more than your own life. You shall not slay a child by abortion. You shall not kill that which has already been generated.”

Church History

- *The Didache* (2nd Century) states, “Do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant.”
- Defending Christians before **Marcus Aurelius** in AD 177, *Athenagoras* argued, “What reason would we have to commit murder when we say that women who induce abortions murderers, and will have to give account of it to God? ... The fetus in the womb is a living being and therefore the object of God’s care.”

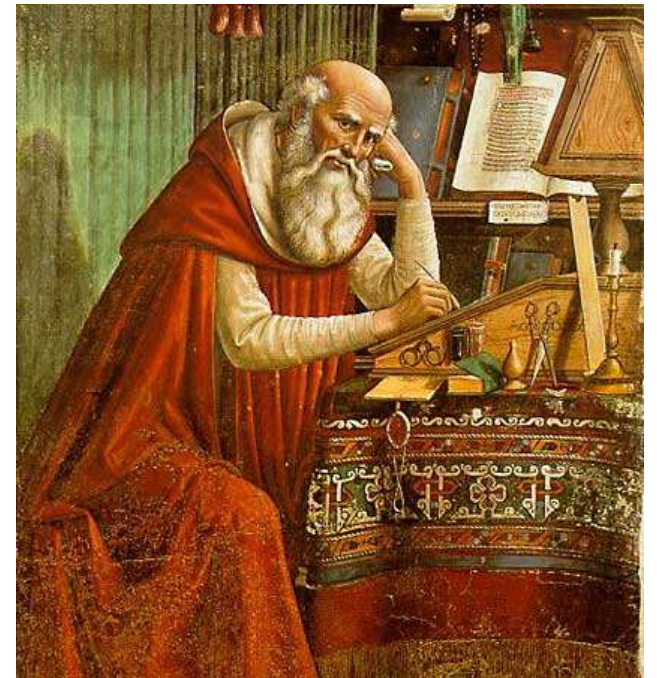


Church History

- ***Tertullian*** (155-240) said, "It does not matter whether you take away a life that is born, or destroy one that is coming to birth. In both instances, destruction is murder."
- ***Basil the Great*** (330-379) affirmed, "Those who give abortifacients (drug to induce abortion) for the destruction of a child conceived in the womb are murderers themselves, along with those receiving the poisons."

Church History

- ***Jerome*** (347-420) called abortion, “the murder of an unborn child.”
- ***Augustine*** (354-430) warned against the terrible crime of “the murder of an unborn child.”



(Jerome)

Church History

- The early church's opposition to the practice was so universal and so staunch that many believe it was responsible for purging abortion from the Roman Empire.

Scriptural Support that Life Begins at Conception

- **Jeremiah 1:5** = before we were born we were known by God
- **Isaiah 44:2** = God formed us in the womb
- **Psalms 139:13-16** = God saw our unformed body, knit us together in our mother's womb
- **Luke 1:41** = John the Baptist leaped in his mother's womb for Jesus.

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"CLUMPS OF CELLS" IN THEIR MANY STAGES



"It is scientifically correct to say that an individual human life begins at conception."

Dr. Micheline Matthews Roth, Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School

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Biblical Basis For Being Pro-Life

Biblical Reasoning

- A pro-life position can be argued in various ways: biological, legal, logical, etc.
- But never automatically give up the high ground of God's Word
- Don't be afraid to quote Bible verses, or speak about humans being "made in the image of God," or that abortion is "SIN"

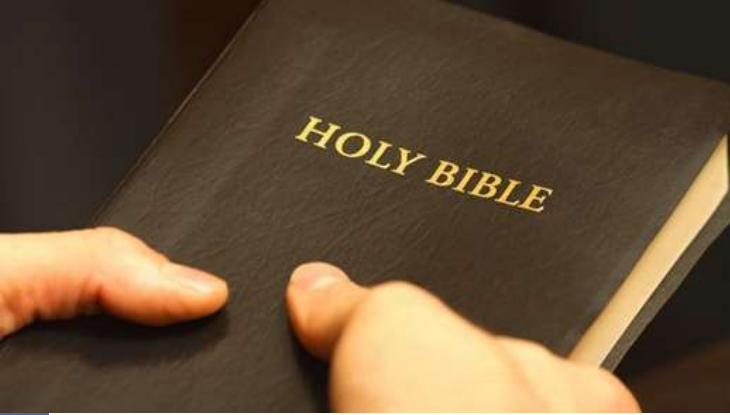




Pro-Life Bible Verses



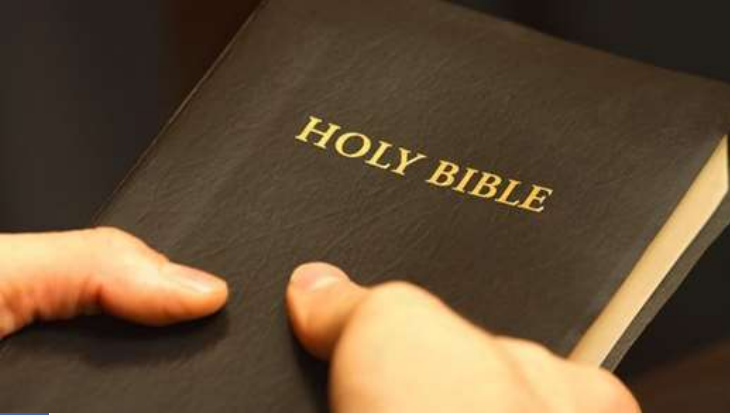
- **Genesis 1:27** = all people are created in the image of God... and are of infinite worth because of that
- **Genesis 9:6** = Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.
- **Exodus 20:13** = "You shall not murder" (Sixth Commandment)
- **Exodus 21:22-25** = the Bible considers life in the womb as real as life outside the womb



Pro-Life Bible Verses



- **Deuteronomy 27:25** = “Cursed is the man who accepts a bribe to kill an innocent person”
- **Proverbs 6:16-17** = “There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, AND HANDS THAT SHED INNOCENT BLOOD...”
- **Proverbs 24:11** = Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.



Pro-Life Bible Verses



- **Proverbs 31:8** = "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves"
- **Jeremiah 7:6** = "shed not innocent blood"
- **Ezekiel 33:11** = "Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked.'"
 - If God finds no pleasure in the death of the wicked, then what do you think He finds in the death of the pre-born?



Pro-Life Bible Stories



- **Exodus 1:8-22** = The Hebrew Midwives saving the lives of the baby boys
- **Matthew 2:16** = Herod calling for the death of all baby boys
- **Leviticus 18:21, Jeremiah 7:31, Ezekiel 16:21** = God condemns the practice of child sacrifice
 - “They have built the high places of Baal to burn their children in the fire as offerings to Baal--something I did not command or mention, nor did it enter my mind!”



God is Active in the Creation of Human Beings



- Births to Sarah = Genesis 17:15-22
- Births to Leah and Rachel = Genesis 30:1-24
- Birth to Ruth = Ruth 4:13-17
- Birth to Hannah = 1 Samuel 1:19-20
- Birth to Elizabeth = Luke 1:24-25, 39-44

Jesus

- John 1:14 – “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.”
- When did the Word (Jesus) become human?
- It is basic Christian doctrine that Christ became flesh at the moment the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary, at the moment of fertilization.



Jesus

- Jesus became human at the same point as all other humans – at conception.
- Scripture says that Mary “was found to be with **child** through the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:18)
- “The **baby** (Jesus) leaped for joy inside me.” (Luke 2:44)



Biblical Evidence for the Value of Every Person (Jesus Died for ALL People)

- **Isaiah 53:6** - All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us ALL.
- **John 3:16** - For God so loved the WORLD, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- **Romans 5:6** - For while we were still helpless, at the right time, CHRIST DIED FOR THE UNGODLY.



Biblical Evidence for the Value of Every Person (Jesus Died for ALL People)

- **1 Timothy 2:6 (a)** – who gave Himself as a ransom for ALL
- **Hebrews 2:9** - But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might TASTE DEATH FOR EVERYONE.
- **1John 2:2** - He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD



What the Bible Says



- Each individual has been personally **created by God** (Malachi 2:10).
- All people, male and female, are created in the **image of God** (Genesis 1:27; James 3:9).
- Personhood is never measured by external categories (Exodus 4:11).

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Biblical Reasoning

- Being biblical means relying on God's words rather than worldly tactics and strategies.
- Rather than playing a game of political football, we proclaim God's Word to the people and to the political leaders.



Biblical Reasoning

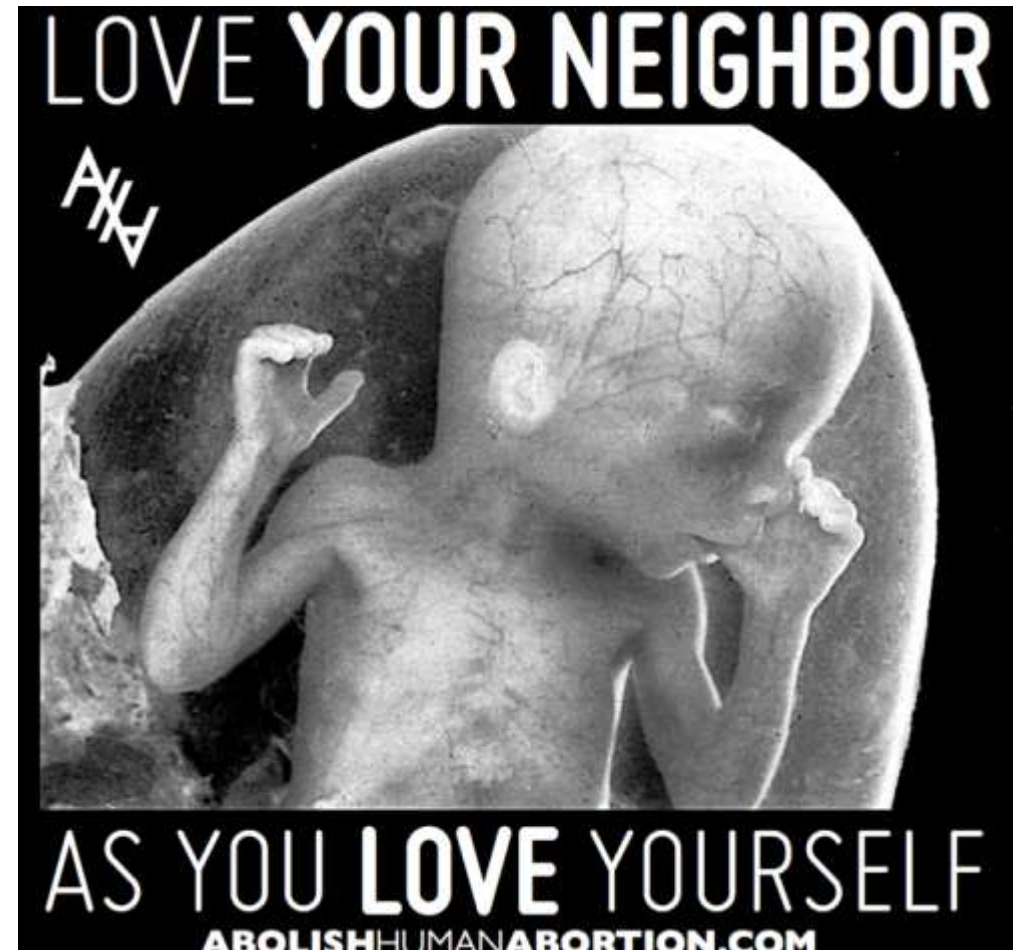
- That means we don't do things like “test the winds” to see whether the people support moving from a ban of abortion at 28 weeks to a ban at 24 weeks at this particular moment in time.
- We simply proclaim the truth that abortion is murder and that justice demands it be abolished **immediately!**
- The duty to make such proclamations is ours, and the results belong to God.

Biblical Reasoning

- This duty, as all moral obligations, is grounded in God's revealed Word.
- **Proverbs 24** tells us to rescue those being led to slaughter.
- In **Isaiah 10**, God warns the Hebrew leaders, "Woe to those who decree iniquitous decrees."
- As for how to rescue those lead to slaughter, pro-life incrementalists are content to compromise in an attempt to save some babies, but these compromises are the definition of iniquitous decrees.
- They all allow for abortion as long as the baby is young enough.

Biblical Reasoning

- **Romans 3:8** rebukes those who would do evil that good may come, which is literally the strategy of the pro-life establishment.
- Abolitionists take God's Word seriously and never write laws which make the fatherless prey and there's no one more fatherless than the child conceived in rape.



Biblical Reasoning

- **WHERE THEY CONFLICT, OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MAN**
- Among many other verses, **Acts 5:29** teaches us that when presented with the choice between obeying God or obeying man, we obey God.
- So when the Supreme Court orders our state to allow the mass murder of preborn children, we boldly bring the Gospel into conflict with the court's rebellion against God.

God Hates the Shedding of Innocent Blood

- **Genesis 4:10**
- **Leviticus 20:1-5**
- **Deuteronomy 19:10**
- **2 Kings 24:2-4**
- **Psalms 72:12-14**
- **Proverbs 6:16-19**



God Has a Special Love for Children

- **Matthew 18:10** = "See to it that you don't despise one of these little ones, because I tell you that in heaven their angels continually view the face of my Father in heaven."
- **Luke 18:16** = "Jesus, however, invited them: "Let the little children come to me, and don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."
- **Psalms 127:3** = "Children are indeed a heritage from the LORD, offspring, a reward."
- **Matthew 18:14** = "In the same way, it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones perish."



GENESIS 9:6 | PROVERBS 6:16-18 | ISAIAH 1:15-17

**EVERY CHILD
MURDERED
BY ABORTION
IS YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

MATTHEW 25:45 | MARK 12:30-31 | 1 JOHN 2:3-6

Do Humans Have Value?

- Our value does not come from the government.
- Our value does not come in what we can do, or in where we live.
- Our value comes from who we are!
- Every person is:
 - Made in the image of God
 - A soul that Jesus died for
 - Has a life worth living



**whatever
you did
for one
of these
least brothers
of mine,
you did for me**

Matthew 25:40

VoicesForLife.net

Save Yourself For Marriage



- The vast majority of abortions come from unmarried women
- There is a direct correlation between sexual promiscuity and abortion
- The culture that pushes for people to have unmarried sex also pushes for abortion

Abortion – Child Sacrifice

- Pagan cultures used to offer a child sacrifice to receive a blessing
- That is essentially the same reason that most people have abortions today – have more money, ease of living, more free time, etc.





Abortion – Child Sacrifice

- “Say to the Israelites: Any Israelite or alien residing in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech must be put to death.” – Leviticus 20:2
- “Abortion is nothing less than a blood sacrifice to Satan.” – Adrian Rogers

Abortion – Child Sacrifice

- Psalm 106:37-38 = They sacrificed their sons and daughters to demons. They shed innocent blood — the blood of their sons and daughters whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; so the land became polluted with blood.

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murder

noun | mur-der | \ˈmər-dər\



: the crime of deliberately killing a person

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person

noun | per-son | \ˈpər-sən\



: a human being

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fetus

noun | fe-tus | \ˈfē-təs\



: a human being or animal in the later stages of development before it is born

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abortion

noun | abor-tion | \ə-ˈbɔr-shən\



: a medical procedure used to end a pregnancy and cause the death of the fetus

“You should stop focusing on abortion... aren't there more important things for Christians to be concerned with?”

- Christians are concerned with all sin – not least of which is the murder of babies
- The reason Christians “focus” on abortion (and homosexuality) is not because we randomly decided those would become important topics, but because the culture around us embraces it – not even as a neutral act – but a GOOD thing – an act of female empowerment
- Isaiah 5:20 = “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil.”

They Say, "Keep Your Beliefs in the Church."

- Pro-Choicer: "By stating your Christian worldview you are imposing your beliefs on others."
- Pro-Life Response: "By stating your humanistic worldview aren't you imposing your beliefs on others?"
- Everybody has a worldview.
- Every law comes from a worldview.
- The question we should be asking is not, whether we should have a worldview, but rather – **WHOSE WORLDVIEW WILL WE HAVE?**



**YOU SHALL LOVE
YOUR NEIGHBOR**



AS YOURSELF.

MATTHEW 22:39

FREE THE STATES

HUMAN LIFE

NO MATTER HOW SMALL

NO MATTER HOW HELPLESS

NO MATTER HOW CONCEIVED

NO MATTER HOW UNWANTED

NO MATTER HOW UNLOVED

NO MATTER WHAT THE COST



Must be defended!

ABOLISH HUMAN ABORTION

Become an Abolitionist

- DO NOT COMPROMISE the truth of God for political societal acceptance of being accommodating to the other side.
- Every pre-born child deserves all of the rights as an already born child.
- It is up to the followers of Jesus Christ to take a stand for the truth.



Equal Justice

- Mother, father, abortionist, and all consenting parties should be held guilty of murder of an innocent human being (not just the woman and or abortionist)
- Lack of consistent consequences does prove that the unborn are not human and that intentionally killing them is justified.
- God said to apply equal justice (Exodus 23:16)
- God said that partiality is injustice in judgment (Deuteronomy 1:17)
- God said that false balances are an abomination to Him (Proverbs 11:1)

Saying "I hate abortion"
fulfills your duty to the
preborn the same way
saying "be warmed and
filled" (James 2:16) **fulfills your**
duty to the cold and
hungry.

ABOLITIONISM

ABOLITIONISM FLOWS FROM A BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW

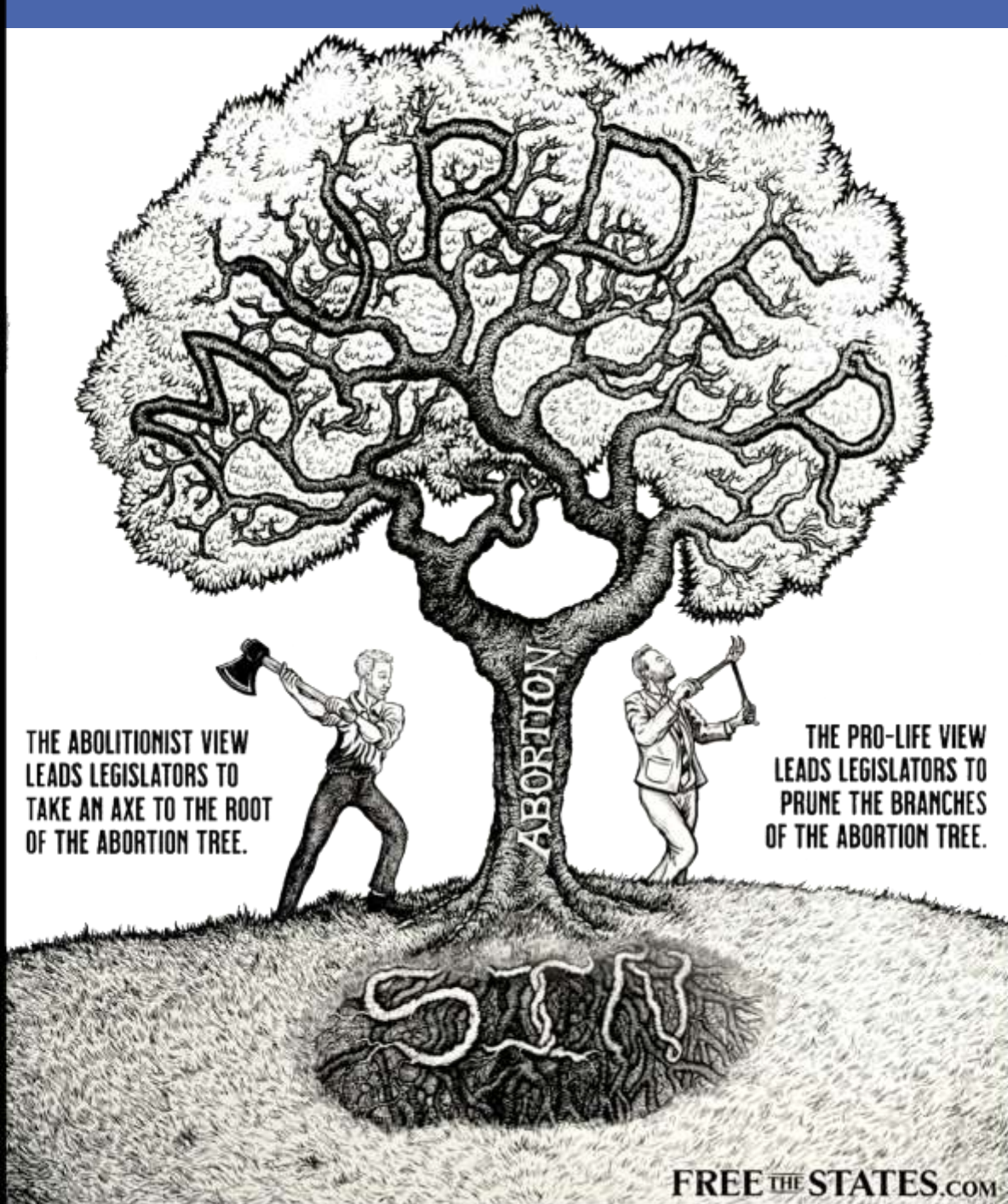
ABOLITION IS A WORK OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD.

ABORTION IS SIN. THE ONLY ANSWER FOR SIN IS THE GOSPEL.

ABORTION IS MURDER. IT MUST BE CRIMINALIZED, NOT REGULATED

DUTY IS OURS, THE RESULTS BELONG TO GOD.

NO COMPROMISE WITH EVIL!



PROLIFEISM

THE PRO-LIFE VIEW FLOWS FROM A HUMANISTIC WORLDVIEW

THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT SEEKS TO BE SECULAR AND TOTALLY INCLUSIVE

ABORTION IS BAD. BUT THE GOSPEL MUST BE LEFT OUT OF THE CONVERSATION

ABORTION MUST BE REGULATED. PEOPLE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CHOOSE LIFE BUT NEVER PUNISHED IF THEY DO NOT.

BE PRAGMATIC AND EMBRACE WHATEVER STEPS OR DEALS WE CAN. COMPROMISE IS KEY.

KILLERS IN WORLD HISTORY

10 20 30 40 50 60

Holocaust
11 MILLION

Genghis Khan
40 MILLION

**U.S. Abortions
Since 1973**
61 MILLION





Adoption

- If a person is not willing or desirous to raise the child then adoption is a great alternative
- Many families are wanting to adopt
- This unplanned child would be a great blessing to his/her adoptive parents



What can you do?

- PRAY! (Lamentations 2:19)
- Financially support abolitionist causes
- Spiritually and materially aid the pregnant single mothers in your neighborhood or church.
- Schedule a meeting with your state senators, state representatives, state executives, city councils, and any other magistrates to explain to them their duty before God and Constitution to immediately abolish abortion.

What Can You Do?

- Share abolitionist ideas with your friends and family. Share abolitionist articles, memes, and videos on social media.
- And encourage your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to join you in all of that.
- That doesn't mean there aren't worthy abolitionist projects that need financial support from Christians. There are. But the Christian duty doesn't end there.

What Can You Do?

- The most loving thing we can do for a person considering an abortion is offer them:
- A biblical and moral perspective
- The scientific facts
- Helpful alternative (adoption, resources such as those found at pregnancy resource centers)
- **LOVE and KINDNESS**

What can you do?

- Share the Gospel!
- The Gospel not only brings about salvation, but also a transformed life and mind!
- The Culture changes as the Gospel is embraced

Be A Difference Maker!

- Abraham Lincoln
 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer
 - William Wilberforce
 - Rosa Parks
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- Don't just follow the crowd. Lead the way!





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A private
faith that
does not
act in the
face of
oppression
is no faith
at all.

William Wilberforce

Be Bold For the Truth!

- Christians have a responsibility to take a stand against abortion
- Proverbs 31:8 = "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves"
- Genesis 1:27 = all people are created in the image of God... and are of infinite worth because of that



- “Every abortion clinic should have a sign in front of it saying, “Open by the permission of the church.”
- Francis Schaeffer (1912-1984)

Why Get Involved at All if Many People Will Hate You for Your Stance?

- Because God can use you to make a difference!
- Because Babies are being murdered in our county, state, and nation every day.
- Because the right thing doesn't mean people will always love you – in fact oftentimes it is just the opposite (see nearly ever biblical character... 2 Timothy 3:12)
- “If you displease Jesus it doesn't really matter who you please. And if you please Jesus it doesn't really matter who you displease.” – Adrian Rogers

Translating the Truth

- Do you believe we should all be treated equally under the law?
- We are all so different, but it seems there should be something that is the same about us that demands we should be treated equally.
- What is the same about all of us?
- It is currently legal to kill babies before they are born. Doesn't that violate their equal rights?

Psalm 82:3-4

“Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless;
maintain the rights of the poor and
oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”

ASK QUESTIONS

“Tactics Technique”

1. What do you mean by that?
2. How did you come to the conclusion?
3. Have you ever considered?

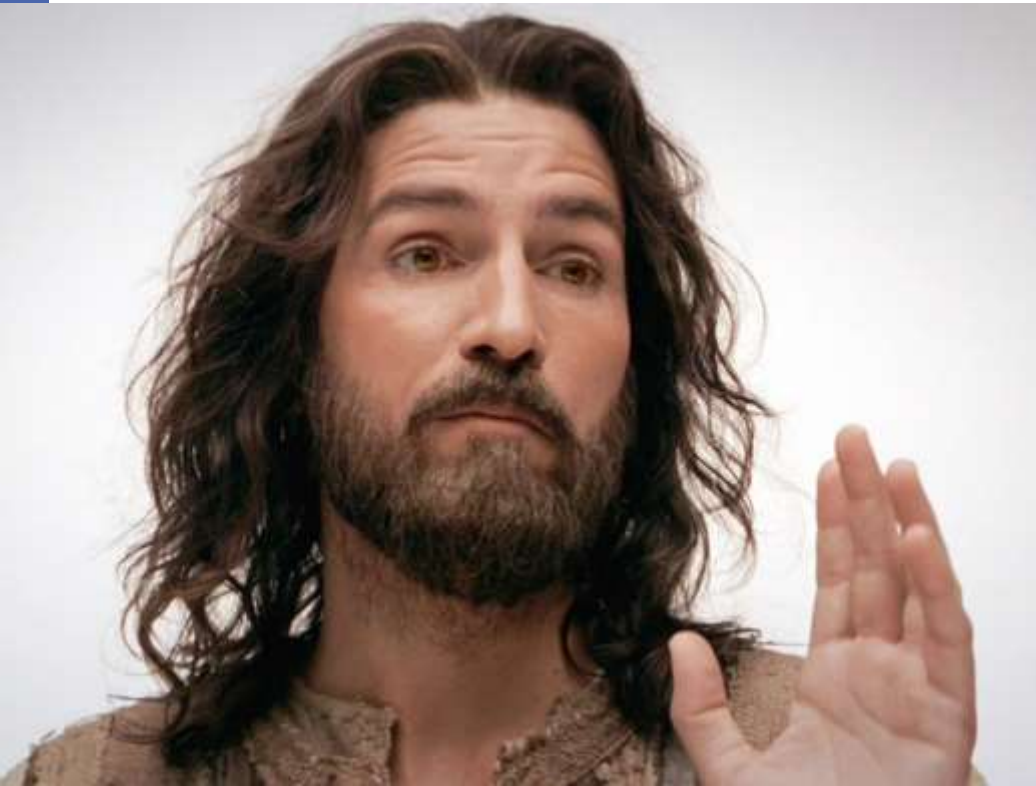




Interacting With Pro-Choice People

- Arguing with a person accomplishes little to nothing.
- Understand their questions / pain... sympathize with them
- Ask Questions
- Do not compromise what the Bible says
- Show them the love of Christ

Which Side Are You On?



- When it comes to the murder of unborn children there are no “neutral” positions!
- “Anyone who is not with Me is against Me.” - Jesus

Get Out and Vote



- NEVER Vote for any candidate who is for the murder of unborn children.
- God judges our thoughts, words, and actions (including who / what we vote for).
- Vote for the person who will stand up for unborn children!

Democrat Party

- The following is a quote from the 2020 Democratic National Party Platform:
- "Democrats believe every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal **ABORTIONS.**"

Resources

- **Choice42** – Facebook and Youtube,
www.choice42.com/
- **Free the States** – Facebook, Youtube,
freethestates.org/
- **Abolish Human Abortion** – Facebook, Youtube,
abolishhumanabortion.com/

Change that will last

- There are many useful arguments for bringing a pro-life viewpoint to society: biological, legal, logical, and “religious”
- But the most sure way of seeing people reject the killing of unborn children (and any other sin) is by beginning a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- When we are born-again God’s will becomes ours and we become a new creation in Christ Jesus.

Change that will last

- We will still sin, but our knowledge of the truth will be confirmed by the Holy Spirit's work in our heart.
- Because of that don't make the end goal only to be that people will reject abortion (although that is very good), but that people would be changed in their belief because of a relationship with King Jesus

Abortion, the unforgiveable sin? **NO!**

- ALL people have sinned = Romans 3:23
- ALL sin, including abortion, finds forgiveness at the foot of the Cross
 - 1 John 1:9
 - Psalm 103:12
- God does not want us to die in our sin, but to experience eternal life, which only He can give = Romans 6:23

Repentance and Faith

- Abortion is a serious sin
- But Christ offers forgiveness for all our sins (including abortion).
- What we must do is repent of our sin and put our faith in Christ alone.
- The heartbeat of God is for every person to find a new life in Jesus – having our sins forgiven and a new heart put within us!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

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