

## Abortion

Acceptable medical procedure or legalized murder of innocent unborn children?

## Some Amazing and Sad Statistics About Abortion

From 1973 (when US Supreme Court ruled abortion on demand legal) through 2008, nearly 50 million legal abortions have occurred in the U.S.

(Guttmacher Institute, research wing of Planned Parenthood, largest abortion provider in the world)

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- We decry Hitler murdering 6 million Jews and millions of others but has our society become numb to abortion?
- Many decry the destruction of the environment and animals but where is the outcry for millions of destroyed unborn children?

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- In 2009 41% of all NYC pregnancies were ended by abortion
- In 1998, the high of 46% of all NYC pregnancies were ended by abortion
- Stats from NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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## Top Three Reasons Women Give For Having Abortions

- 75% say that having a baby would interfere with work, school or other responsibilities
- About 75% say they cannot afford a child
- 50% say they do not want to be a single parent or are having problems with their husband or partner
- Stats from Guttmacher Institute

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## Introduction

- It is clear that large segments of our society accept abortion as a normal activity that should not be considered evil or wrong in any way
- But, as Christians, we must not allow the thinking of our society to determine our thinking and practice regarding abortion or any other subject
- What do the Scriptures say about abortion?

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## What Is Abortion?

Various medical procedures used to terminate a pregnancy by destroying a fetus (what the Scriptures call a child) before birth.

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## Some of The Medical Procedures Used In Abortions

1. Drug (RU-486 induced) abortion – early in pregnancy
2. Vacuuming and scraping of uterus to remove child – weeks 6-14 of pregnancy
3. Dilation and curettage involving dilating cervix and scooping out child – weeks 6-16 of pregnancy

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4. Dilation and evacuation involves greater dilation, suction, a large scoop, and forceps to remove child – weeks 16-24 of pregnancy
5. Induction abortion involves various chemicals used to induce labor – weeks 16-24
6. Hysterotomy like caesarian where uterus is cut open and child removed – late second and third trimesters

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7. Intact dilation and extraction (partial birth abortion) involves child removed through birth canal feet first, suction used to remove brain and collapse skull so child can be fully removed - late second and third trimesters

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## What Is Society's View Toward Abortion?

- January 22, 1973 in the case Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 7-2 that women had the Constitutional right to abortion due to what they viewed as a right to privacy in the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution adopted 1868
- Many political, educational, social and religious leaders also believe abortion is moral

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## What Is Society's View Toward Abortion?

- In our public school systems including New York City, teenage girls are taught abortion is an acceptable moral choice
- Many in society view abortion as a form of birth control
- Many women believe it is their body and they have the right to do whatever they please including abortion

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## What Is Society's View Toward Abortion?

- We are also taught by our public schools that we are only material beings evolving from accidental combining of molecules
- The baby in the womb is nothing more than matter which has no viable life and can be disposed of if desired
- In other words babies are not really alive until they are born and breathing

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## What Is God's View Of Abortion?

- In a small number of cases, abortion may be necessary in some circumstances where the life of a mother could be endangered
- Also, there are natural abortions or miscarriages that tragically occur causing the loss of children
- In these cases, abortion would not involve any sinful choice

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## What Is God's View Of Abortion?

- Life is created and given by God to all individuals while still in the womb and should be valued not destroyed
- Vast majority of abortions are viewed as sinful by the Word of God, intentional taking of another's life, murder of the innocent, helpless, unborn child
- Abortion is legalized murder

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## God Created Male and Female In His Image

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Gen 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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Joh 4:24 "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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Act 17:24 "The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands;

Act 17:25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all *people* life and breath and all things;

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Act 17:26 and He made from one *man* every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation,

Act 17:27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;

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Act 17:28 for in Him we live and move and exist, as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we also are His children.'

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## God Is Creator of Life In The Womb

Psa 139:13 For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

Psa 139:14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well.

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Psa 139:15 My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, *And* skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;

Psa 139:16 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.

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Jer 1:5 "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."

Heb 12:9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

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Isa 49:5 And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, And My God is My strength),

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The Spirit Gives Life To The Physical Not The Physical Giving Life To The Spirit

Jas 2:26 For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

Ecc 12:7 then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

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Gen 25:22 But the children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is so, why then am I *this way*?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

Gen 15:3 And Abram said, "Since You have given no offspring to me, one born in my house is my heir."

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Luk 1:41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luk 1:44 "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy.

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Luk 2:12 "This *will be* a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Luk 2:16 So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

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Resulted In Death Penalty - Life For Life

Exo 21:22 "If men struggle with each other and strike a woman with child so that she gives birth prematurely, yet there is no injury, he shall surely be fined as the woman's husband may demand of him, and he shall pay as the judges *decide*.

Exo 21:23 "But if there is *any further* injury, then you shall appoint as a *penalty* life for life,

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Exo 21:24 eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

Exo 21:25 burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.

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God Hates Shedding Innocent  
Blood Which Includes Abortion

Gen 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

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Pro 6:16 There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him:

Pro 6:17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood,

Pro 6:18 A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that run rapidly to evil,

Pro 6:19 A false witness *who* utters lies, And one who spreads strife among brothers.

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Becoming A Christian Provides Forgiveness  
of All Sins Including Abortion

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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## Be Transformed To A Living Sacrifice By God's Word Renewing Our Minds

Rom 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

Rom 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

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## Value Human Life As God Does

Joh 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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1Pe 1:18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

1Pe 1:19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood of* Christ.

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## Treat All Including The Unborn The Way We Want Others To Treat Us

Mat 7:12 "In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

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## Pray For Our Nation To Repent of Abortion, Legalized Murder

2Ch 7:13 "If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,

2Ch 7:14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

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Psa 106:37 They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,

Psa 106:38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and their daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with the blood.

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Psa 106:39 Thus they became unclean in their practices, And played the harlot in their deeds.

Psa 106:40 Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against His people And He abhorred His inheritance.

Psa 106:41 Then He gave them into the hand of the nations, And those who hated them ruled over them.

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## Pray For Our Leaders That We May Be Able To Live Godly Lives

1Ti 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

1Ti 2:2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

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1Ti 2:3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

1Ti 2:4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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## Speak Out Against and Do Not Participate In Abortion

Eph 5:5 For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Eph 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

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Eph 5:7 Therefore do not be partakers with them;

Eph 5:8 for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

Eph 5:9 (for the fruit of the Light *consists* in all goodness and righteousness and truth),

Eph 5:10 trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

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Eph 5:11 Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;

Eph 5:12 for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

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Eph 5:13 But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Eph 5:14 For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."

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Eph 4:28 He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need.

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## Spread The Gospel To All

1Pe 3:15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

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Act 20:35 "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

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Gal 6:9 Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

Gal 6:10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

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## As Christians Be Willing To Repent of All Sins Including Abortion

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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