



“Abortion: A Matter of Life and Death” (Part 2)

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A Quick Review of the Atrocities of Abortion

Abortion takes the life of approximately 1.3 million babies every year and has claimed the lives of almost 50 million unborn Americans in the past forty years alone. While it's hard to hear the details of what has happened to these babies during the abortion procedure, it's important that we, as well as others, understand what actually transpires. There are a variety of abortion procedures, but we will simply list the most common performed by clinics such as *Planned Parenthood* and others:

- Suction aspiration: this procedure tears apart and suctions out the baby.
- Dilation and Curettage: this has the abortionist insert a knife into the womb and cut the baby into pieces, then to remove and reassemble the tiny body to be sure none of the pieces are left inside.
- Saline burning injection: a saline solution is inserted into the womb to burn the fetus, taking about an hour to end the baby's life and then the dead body is removed.
- Dilation and Extraction/Evacuation: using an ultrasound the doctor grips the fetus's legs with forceps. The unborn is then pulled out through the birth canal and delivered with the exception of its head. While the head is in the womb the doctor penetrates the baby's skull with scissors, opens the scissors to enlarge the hole, and then inserts a catheter. The fetus's brain is vacuumed out, resulting in the skull's collapse. The doctor then completes the womb's evacuation by removing the dead fetus.

The reason such a graphic description of abortion needs to be given is because it is the truth behind what really happens during these procedures. The fallout of such procedures is the death of a baby, the mutilation of a woman's body that takes place, and the physical, spiritual, mental, emotional, and psychological destruction that comes as a result of such procedures.

The Scientific Facts Behind Life Beginning at Conception

We now now have access to an amazing array of scientific facts regarding the development of a baby inside its mother's womb. Let's look at them on a calendar assuming that conception happened on the first day of the year.

January 1 (Day 1) - On the very first day of conception, all 46 chromosomes are present, so a human life has already begun.

January 22 (3 Weeks) - The child's four chamber functioning heart begins to beat, pumping her own blood.

February 4 (5 Weeks) - The child's eyes, legs, and hands begin to develop. This is also around the time that most mothers actually confirm they are pregnant.

February 14 (6 1/2 weeks) - The child's brain waves, which have already been active for weeks, are now detectable.

February 18 (7 weeks) - The baby starts kicking and swimming.

February 25 (8 weeks) - Every organ in the child's body is in place, the bones are taking shape, and fingerprints have begun to form.

March 11 (10 weeks) - Teeth begin to form, fingernails develop, the baby can turn her head, and she can even frown.

March 25 (12 weeks) - The baby can grasp objects placed in her hand.

April 22 (16 weeks) - The baby is starting to have dreams during REM sleep.

In just the first four months of development is clear that this baby is not just a "blob" or "mass of tissue". This is a human being designed by God with a functioning heart, brain, her own blood type, internal organs, eyes, legs, hands, bones, teeth, and so much more!

This, by the way, also answers the part of the question, “Why can’t I be left alone to make my own choices about my own body?” The answer is simple, we’re not talking about the woman’s body, we are talking about the protection of a completely defenseless and completely different human being.

At this point, as Christ followers, and those that trust His Word as completely inerrant and infallible it would do us a world of good to look at what the Author of Life has to say about the development and value of the lives that He creates.

What God Says About the Argument

In his book [The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask \(With Answers\)](#), Mark Mittelberg gives us three biblical truths from God’s Word and what He says about the issue of life and the taking of it.

1. Life is valuable because God made us in His _____. (Gen. 1:26-27)

This means that He created us with rational capacities, moral awareness, and the ability to choose how we will act upon these things - making us unique among all creation.

This relates to abortion in two ways:

- A. Unborn children are just as much in the image of God and deserving of protection as anyone else being unjustly assaulted, injured, or murdered.
- B. Men and women who are faced with unexpected pregnancies are also created in the image of God. This means that, whether fathers or mothers, they have the responsibility to make a moral choice concerning an unborn child that affirms their own dignity as humans, leaves their conscience intact, and affirms their moral character years after their choice has been made.

2. Life is precious because God knew us from the _____. (Psalm 139:13-17)

None of this inspired biblical passage hints at the idea that David was of any lower value while in the womb. We see God’s active involvement and care in the forming and development of his body and personality - and by extension, of our own and of all human beings prior to their births. It is inconceivable that someone could read this passage, absorb its meaning, and still pretend God is okay with deliberately and

violently ending the life of this little one that is still being “formed”, “knitted”, and “woven” by God Himself.

3. Life is precious and valuable and therefore God condemns abortion in multiple places in His _____. (Psalm 127:3; Exodus 21:22-25; Proverbs 31:8-9)

In Exodus 21 we find a detailed application of one of God’s commandments as it relates to an unborn child. God guards the life of the unborn child with ultimate protection: threat of capital punishment.

The Bottom Line

God finds all of human life sacred and valuable. Let’s look at three more reasons why before we look at what we should do about all of this:

1. Value is determined by _____ and _____.

In other words, an object derives its value from who it was created by. (i.e.: A painting by Van Gogh; a song by Bach; a life by God)

2. Value is determined by _____.

We protect the things we value most. What kind of protection does God place on His creation. Read Genesis 9:6 to find out.

3. Value is by _____.

How much did God pay to redeem mankind? The price paid for you and for the unborn was the life of Jesus Christ. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and Mark 10:45 to see first hand what price was paid to redeem human life.

God has said that human life is the most precious commodity on this planet because it was **created** by Him, it is **protected** by Him, and our redemption **cost** the death of His Son. The highest price that could possibly be paid was paid for human life.

What Do We Do Now?

People have deep feelings about this topic and often get heated quite quickly. So remember the words of the Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 3:15-16, that we must be ready to

give everyone a reason for the hope that is within us, yet we do it with gentleness and respect. That leads to multiple things we must do now...

1. Speak the truth of the Gospel into people's lives making their trusting in Christ as your first priority, not winning a pro-life/pro-choice debate.
2. Give them at least two "why's" for your "what". In other words, tell them why you believe standing for life is the most loving and rational position to take and tell them why it matters.
3. Use stories and illustrations to make your point so that you can draw them into the issue in a fresh way. (i.e.: The illustration of a baby in a cardboard box)

LIVE IT OUT

1. How will you lovingly articulate your convictions regarding abortion with someone who disagrees with you this week?
