

I. Introduction: Why does the evil of abortion exist in our culture?

II. We are pro-life because God is sovereign over human life.

- A. God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed life into him. Ge. 2:7
- B. Human life is sacred.
 - 1. Mankind is uniquely created in God's image. Gen. 1:27 Ps. 8:4-9
 - 2. God has placed special protection over human life. Gen. 9:5-6 Ex. 20:13
- C. God alone has the right to take life. Dt. 32:39 Ps. 31:15 Heb. 9:27 Romans 13:4
Gen. 2:17 3:19 Ro. 5:12 When man or woman unlawfully takes life he is playing God.
- D. The unborn child is a human Life, precious and important to God.
 - 1. God forms the child in his mother's womb. Ps. 139:13-16 Job 31:15 10:8-12 3:3
Ecc. 11:5 Is. 44:2.
 - 2. The infant in the womb is fully human (including sinful). Ps. 51:5 58:3
 - 3. God loves and calls His servants, even from before their birth. Isa. 44:2,24 49:1-2
Jer. 1:4-5 20:17 Gal. 1:15 Luke 1:15
 - 4. The same words are used for a child in and outside of the womb. Ex. 21:4,22
Luke 1:15,41-42,44, 31 2:16 18:15 Acts 7:19
- E. The unborn child is under God's protection. Ps. 82:3-4 Pr. 6:16-17 31:8-9 Job. 31:1-3
 - 1. God judges those who slay or harm the unborn or helpless. II Kn. 8:11-12 15:16
Amos 1:13 Ex. 1:16 Mt. 2:16-18 Nu. 35:33
 - 2. Those who caused harm to an unborn child were to be punished. Ex. 21:22-24
 - 3. Abortion is the unjust and ungodly taking of a human life (murder).
- F. Abortion takes place because men have rejected God's sovereignty over human life, including their own.
 - 1. Ethical and legal confusion reigns. Judges 21:25
 - 2. If the right to life is not secure, all other human rights are at risk.

III. We are pro-family because God is sovereign over the family.

- A. When God created mankind He created the family. Gen. 2:18-23
 - 1. Marriage is not merely a human invention or convention.
 - 2. God brought together the first man and the first woman.
 - 3. God established gender roles within marriage. Ge. 2:18-23 Eph. 5:22ff I Co. 11:8f
- B. God has given directives for the family. Gen. 2:24
 - 1. Marriage establishes a new family unit: *leave*.
 - 2. Marriage is a lifelong covenant union between a man and a woman: *cleave*.
Mt. 19:3-9 Mal. 3:14-16
 - 3. Marriage is the only place for sexual expression: *one flesh*.
 - a. Sex is an expression of the unity and commitment of marriage. Gen. 2:24
 - b. Sex is the means by which the earth is filled. Gen. 1:27-28
 - c. Sex is designed to bring happiness and pleasure to a husband and wife as they express their love for one another. Pr. 5:18-19 Dt. 24:5 Song of Solomon
 - d. Every sexual expression outside of marriage is sinful and destructive.
Heb. 13:4 Mt. 5:27-28 Ex. 20:14 Pr. 6:26,32-33 5:22-23 7:23 I Cor. 6:9ff

- C. Children are a blessing from God upon a marriage: *fruit*. Ps. 127:3f 128:3 Gen. 1:27f
1. Godly parents view children as a gift from God. Gen. 4:1 21:1f 30:1f I Sa. 1:19 Luke 1:58 I Tim. 2:15
 2. God's design is that children be born into a home in which they will be raised by a mother and father who are committed to one another in marriage. Prov. 1:8
- D. Our culture's rejection of God's design for the family has resulted in the dramatic increase in abortions.
1. Mankind has rejected God's right to set moral standards and seeks autonomy. Judg. 21:25 Ro. 1:21ff Isa. 5:20
 2. Sex has been separated from the commitment of marriage and the blessing of children. II Pe. 2:18-19
 3. Children are seen as a nuisance.
 4. They kill the unborn who get in the way of their selfish pursuit of pleasure. Matt. 2:16-18 Ps. 106:34-39 Lev. 20:1-5.
 5. The place of the father is being undermined.
 6. Parental rights are being usurped by the state.
 7. Those who have children are neglecting their discipline and training. Deut. 6:1ff
 8. Marriage and family are being redefined in an anti-biblical way. Rom. 1:26-27
- E. We will not prevent many abortions until the values of our culture change.

IV. Answers to objections (See "Pro Life Answers to Pro Choice Arguments" by R. Alcorn).

- A. Those who favor abortion fabricate rationalizations and arguments to excuse and promote their destructive practices. Rom. 2:15 1:32
- B. Every child should be a wanted child. *Someone wants your child!*
- C. What if the baby will not have a sufficient quality of life?
1. Who are we to judge that a life of poverty is not worth living?
 2. Those with birth defects have lived joyful and productive lives. Lev. 19:14
 3. God makes us what we are and He alone has the right to give and take life! Ex. 4:11 John 9:3
- D. Doesn't a woman have a right to control her own body?
1. God is sovereign over all human bodies.
 2. She can control her body sexually so as not to become pregnant!
 3. Another person's body and rights are also involved.
 4. The fact that the baby is completely dependent upon the mother makes her more responsible, not less responsible.
- E. We need to protect the woman's mental and physical well being.
1. Over ninety percent of abortions are done for personal convenience.
 2. Women suffering economic hardship can be helped.
 3. A woman's emotional struggles do not justify her killing a child.
 4. Even in cases of rape or incest, one evil act does not justify another. Deut. 24:16
 5. While all pregnancies involve risk because of the curse, it is extremely rare for a doctor to have to make a choice between the life of the mother and the child.
 6. Abortion causes harm to the mother.
- F. This is a women's issue. Men have no right to interfere!
This is a *human* moral issue of life and death.

- G. This should be a decision between a woman and her doctor.**
- 1. The medical profession has deteriorated morally.**
 - 2. Often life and death decisions are made based upon economics or convenience.**

H. Isn't this legislating morality?

- 1. All legislation is *moral*.**
- 2. The pro-abortion minority has imposed their immorality upon us. Is. 5:20-21**
- 3. The government has a duty to protect life. Rom. 13:1-7 I Pe. 2:14**

I. Wouldn't abortions occur anyway and in unhealthy conditions?

- 1. All abortions are unhealthy (fatal) for one person.**
- 2. Murders, rapes, and robberies still occur, but this does not justify legalizing them.**
- 3. The number of abortions increased dramatically when abortion was legalized.**

J. Don't we need to prevent over-population?

- 1. This argument has led to the atrocity of forced abortions in some countries.**
- 2. The world God has made is incredibly productive. Gen. 1:27-29**
- 3. Some Western countries are facing an aging and potentially declining population.**
- 4. Children are a blessing from God. Parents should look to Him to provide. Ps. 127**

V. What Should We Do? Be salt and light in a dark world. Mt. 5:13-14

A. Be a good citizen. Jer. 29:7

B. Promote a culture of life and family. Jer. 29:6

- 1. Adoption.**
- 2. Crisis Pregnancy Centers.**
- 3. Personal interaction with friends, neighbors, and family members. II Cor. 10:3**
- 4. Care for the weak and helpless in our culture. I Tim. 5:4 James 1:27 Mt. 15:4**

C. Pray for and work for revival.

- 1. Until the hearts of the people change, abortion will not stop.**
- 2. Help women who have had abortions to find mercy and grace in Christ.**
- 3. Pray for God to have mercy upon our nation. Num. 35:33**

VI. Concluding Applications.

A. God will bring justice to the guilty in due time.

**B. God Offers grace and forgiveness, to repentant sinners. I Cor. 6:9-11 I Jn. 1:7-2:2
Isa. 1:18 Ps. 51:12**

Discussion questions

1. Why is human life sacred?
2. How is it right that God can take life, but we cannot?
3. Prove from the Bible that the unborn child is a human life under God's protection.
4. Why does our culture no longer embrace the sanctity of human life?
5. What are some other expressions (other than abortion) of our culture's disregard for the sanctity of human life?
6. Why is the family sacred?
7. How does our culture's rejection of God's design for the family contribute to the number of abortions?
8. How would you answer the following challenges to the pro-life position?
 - a. Every child should be a wanted child.
 - b. Children would be better off never to be born into poverty and sickness.
 - c. No child should have to suffer from birth defects.
 - d. A woman should have the right to control her own body.
 - e. Women should be allowed to get an abortion for their own physical or mental welfare.
 - f. This is a woman's issue. Men have no right to interfere.
 - g. Anti-abortion people are trying to legislate morality.
 - h. We need to prevent overpopulation.
7. What are some things you can do to promote respect for the sanctity of human life?