

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ABORTION?

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. What's wrong with abortion?
2. Isn't it a women's issue, and as a man I shouldn't even be talking about it? Isn't it about reproductive rights? Doesn't a woman have the right to do what she wants with her body? Isn't it between a woman and her doctor? Isn't abortion about protecting women? Isn't abortion just the termination of a pregnancy? What's wrong with that? In other words, why are Christians so passionately against abortion?
3. We're in a sermon series on apologetics.
4. What is apologetics? The word comes from 1 Peter 3:15.
5. **1 Peter 3:15** "but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you."
6. This verse says that as a Christian you need to always be ready to defend your beliefs.
7. The word "defend" is the Greek word apologia. It has nothing to do with making an apology or saying you're sorry for something. It means making a defense. Apologetics is the practice of defending the Christian faith. It's the practice of answering the questions that nonbelievers have about Christianity; questions like, Why do you believe in God? Why do you believe in Jesus? Why do you believe Jesus rose from the grave? Why do you believe in creation rather than evolution?
8. Today we're going to address one question that nonbelievers have. What's wrong with abortion? Why are Christians adamantly opposed to abortion?
9. Today my goal is two-fold:
 - i. Persuade you to be pro-life.
 - ii. If you are already pro-life, equip to make the case for life.
10. What do I mean by pro-life? To be pro-life is to be personally and politically against all abortions. It is to vote for pro-life politicians. It is

to never have an abortion, or perform an abortion, or urge anyone to have an abortion.

11. All Christians should be pro-life. And all Christians should be equipped to make the case for life.

- i. Southern Baptists are officially pro-life. In 2021 the SBC passed a resolution called “Abolishing Abortion” which called for the “abolishing of abortion immediately, without exception or compromise.” Most protestant denominations and non-denominational churches have the same position.
- ii. The Roman Catholic Church’s official position is pro-life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law (No. 2271).”

12. Unfortunately, there are many Christians who are not pro-life. These fall into several categories:

- i. Some Christians are proudly pro-abortion (I prefer “pro-abortion” over the more palatable “pro-choice”).
- ii. Some Christians claim to be pro-life personally but are pro-abortion politically.
- iii. Some Christians claim to be pro-life, but they consistently vote for pro-abortion politicians.
- iv. Some Christians are pro-life personally and politically, but they don’t vote. They aren’t engaged politically.
- v. Some Christians are pro-life personally and politically, but they don’t know how to make the case for life.

13. So, we have a lot of work to do.

II. HISTORY

1. Let’s first begin with a little history about abortion and bring us up to speed to where we are currently.
2. On January 22, 1973, in a case called Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court made abortion legal for any reason during all nine months of pregnancy in all fifty states. This established abortion as a federal constitutional right, and states could no longer pass restrictions on abortion.

3. Fast forward to June 24, 2022, in a case called *Dobbs v. Jackson*, the Supreme court overturned *Roe v. Wade*, eliminating the federal constitutional right to abortion. This allowed states to place restrictions on abortion.
4. The good news is that now some states, like Louisiana, can choose abolish or restrict abortion. Some states have placed restrictions on abortion. For example, last year (5/1/24) the state of Florida enacted a six-week abortion ban, which made abortions after six weeks illegal. They have a drastic decrease in abortions. Other states, like Louisiana, have abolished abortion. On June 24, 2022, Louisiana passed the Human Life Protection Act, making abortion illegal. Since then, 18,000 unborn babies have been protected from abortion in Louisiana.
5. The bad news is that abortion is still wildly popular in America.
6. According to a Gallup Survey in May 2024:
 - i. 50% of Americans think abortion should be legal under certain circumstances, 35% think it should be legal in all circumstances, and only 12% think it should be illegal in all circumstances.
 - ii. 54% consider themselves to be pro-choice; 41% pro-life.
 - iii. 60% say overturning *Roe* was a bad thing; 36% say a good thing.
 - iv. 54% say abortion is morally acceptable; 37% morally wrong.
7. Unfortunately, even with the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* abortions have not gone down. In fact, since the decision in June 2022, abortions in American have slightly increased.
8. Since *Roe v. Wade*, more than 63 million abortions have occurred in the United States, about 4,000 per day.
9. Abortion is the most common surgical procedure in the United States, practiced 4,000 a day.
10. Abortion was the leading cause of death in the world in 2024 with over 45 million killed. 42% of all human deaths in 2024 were from abortion. Globally, there were more deaths from abortion in 2024 than all deaths from cancer, malaria, AIDS, smoking, alcohol, and traffic accidents combined.
11. In America, abortion is a particularly black problem. While abortion accounts for 1/3 of all annual deaths in the US, it accounts for 60% of all African American deaths. 52% of all African American pregnancies end

in abortion. Nearly 1,800 black babies are aborted every day. 39.5% of all abortions were performed on black babies, despite the fact that blacks are only 12.5% of the population. All of this has caused one prominent black pastor to call abortion the “black genocide.”

12. Like I said, we’ve got some work to do.

13. Again, my goal this morning is two-fold:

- i. To persuade you to be pro-life.
- ii. To equip you to make the case for life.

14. What is the case for life? It’s a simple case to make. It can be made with three short statements.

- i. Murder is wrong.
- ii. Abortion is murder.
- iii. Therefore, abortion is wrong.

15. If you remember from previous sermons, this is called a syllogism. It is a form of argument which has two premises and a conclusion. The way a syllogism works is if the first two premises are true, then the conclusion is also true.

III. THE CASE FOR LIFE

1. Murder is wrong.

- i. It’s not just morally wrong; it is and should be legally wrong.
- ii. What is murder? Murder is intentionally killing an innocent human being. Or the unjustifiable killing of a human being.
- iii. Not all killing is murder.

1. It’s not murder to kill plants.

- a. I use products like Round Up and Weed and Feed regularly to kill the weeds in my yard.

2. It’s not murder to kill animals.

- a. Several times a year we hire an exterminator to come to our home and kill all the insects in the house.
- b. When I was a kid we lived out in the country, surrounded by sugar cane and woods. The neighbors on the left and right of us both had barns with horses and chickens and other farm animals. It was country. So we had mice problems. One year we had a mouse invasion. I could hear them scurrying around in my

closet at night. So, what did we do? We set a bunch of mouse traps and killed all the mice. But that wasn't murder.

3. It's not always murder to kill human beings.
 - a. Capital punishment is not murder.
 - i. It is not wrong for the government to kill criminals who commit terrible crimes, both as a protection and a deterrent.
 - ii. In the Old Testament law, God prescribed capital punishment not just for the crime of murder, but for several crimes.
 - b. Killing in war is not murder.
 - i. It's not murder for a soldier to kill enemy soldiers in combat.
 - c. Killing in self-defense is not murder.
 - i. It's not murder to kill someone in defense of your life, or in defending the lives of others.
4. Not all killing is murder. Murder is intentionally killing an innocent human being. Or it is the unjustifiable killing of a human being.
- iv. The Bible says several things about murder:
 1. Murder is against God's will.
 - a. **Exodus 20:13** "Do not murder."
 2. Murderers should receive capital punishment.
 - a. **Leviticus 24:17** "If a man kills anyone, he must be put to death."
 3. Murder is wrong because it violates God's character.
 - a. What makes something wrong?
 - b. You might say, "Morality is relative. It's your personal opinion. What's wrong for you may not be wrong for me." That's not true. Is it ever right to torture babies and rape women?
 - c. You might say, "The law. If it is illegal, then it's wrong." But that's not true. Sometimes the law can be wrong. In Muslim countries it is against the law to

convert to Islam. But conversion isn't wrong, the law is wrong.

d. You might say, "The Bible. If the Bible says it's wrong, it's wrong." Okay. That's true. But why does the Bible say that some things are right, and some things are wrong? It has to do with God's character.

Morality is determined by the character of God. God is holy. If something conforms to God's character, it is right; if it violates God's character, then it is wrong.

e. The reason that murder is wrong is because it violates God's character of love. God is love (1 Jn 4:8), so if an act is not loving, then it is wrong. The reason murder is wrong is because it is not an act of love.

f. **Romans 13:9** "The commandments: Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not covet; and whatever other commandment—all are summed up by this: Love your neighbor as yourself."

4. Murder is not something that a true Christian would do.

a. **1 John 3:15** "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him."

5. Murder is wrong, but even murderers can receive God's forgiveness.

a. **1 Peter 1:18** "For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for unrighteous, that He might bring you to God."

b. Murder is terrible, but it is not beyond God's forgiveness. If a murderer repents and believes in Jesus Christ, God will forgive them and give them eternal life.

v. So, the first premise is true. Murder is wrong. And nobody disagrees with that. Pro-lifers agree that murder is wrong, and so do pro-abortionists.

2. Abortion is murder.

- i. This is where the disagreement comes in. Everyone believes that murder is wrong; the problem is that not everyone agrees that abortion is murder.
- ii. Why not?
- iii. If murder is intentionally killing an innocent human being, then the only reasonable answer that a pro-abortionist could give is that preborn babies are not human beings.
- iv. This brings us to the ultimate question of the abortion debate: What is it?
- v. If my son yelled from the bedroom, “Dad, can I kill it?”, what do I need to know before I answer his question? What is it? If it is a cockroach, then yes, but if it is your sister, then no!
- vi. When it comes to abortion, the ultimate question is What is it? Is it a human being, or is it something else?
- vii. Science unanimously agrees that preborn children are human beings from the moment of conception or fertilization.
- viii. Human life begins when an egg and sperm fuse together, forming a human embryo with his or her own DNA.
- ix. Princeton professor **Robert P. George** writes, “From a purely biological perspective, scientists can identify the point at which human life begins. The relevant studies are legion. The biological facts are uncontested. The method of analysis applied to the data is universally accepted. Science overwhelmingly supports the idea that life begins at conception.”
- x. **Dr. Hymie Gordon**, founder and director of the Mayo Clinic’s world-renowned medical genetics program, submitted the following expert testimony before Congress: “I think we can now also say that the question of the beginning of life – when life begins – is no longer a question for theological or philosophical dispute. It is an established scientific fact. Theologians and philosophers may go on to debate the meaning of life or purpose of life, but it is an established fact that all life, including human life, begins at the moment of conception.”
- xi. Human life does not begin when the heart begins to beat at six weeks.

- xii. Human life does not begin at viability, or the point at which the baby can survive outside the womb at twenty weeks.
- xiii. Human life begins at conception.
- xiv. If this is what scientists know, then why don't people accept this?
- xv. There are four common arguments against the humanity of the unborn. They can be remembered with the acronym SLED.

xvi. SLED

1. Size: "The unborn are not human because they are so small."
 - a. A third-grade boy is much smaller than an adult man. Does that make him less human, or less alive?
 - b. Size has nothing to do with a person's humanity.
2. Level of Development: "The unborn are not human because they are not fully developed."
 - a. Again, a third-grader is not fully developed. Their minds, muscles, bones, reproductive systems all have a long way go. Does that mean a third grader is less human or less alive than an adult?
 - b. Level of development has nothing to do with a person's humanity.
3. Environment: "The unborn are not human because they are inside a woman's body."
 - a. Think of a third-grader again. Is there anywhere that a third-grader could go that would make him less human than me? If he went Texas, or Russia, or the Moon, would he be less human.
 - b. Environment, or location, doesn't make a person less human or less alive.
4. Degree of Dependency: "The unborn are dependent on their mother and cannot survive on their own, therefore they are not human."
 - a. The problem with this is that infants are completely dependent upon their mothers. They can't feed themselves, clothe themselves, or transport themselves. Are they less human than their

mothers? Should their mothers have the right to kill them? Of course not.

b. Degree of dependency doesn't make a person less human, or less alive.

xvii. The preborn are human beings. Murder is intentionally killing and innocent human being. Therefore, abortion is murder.

xviii. It's not just the termination of a pregnancy. It's murder.

xix. It's not reproductive right. It's a murderous wrong.

xx. Let's go back to our syllogism:

1. Murder is wrong.

2. Abortion is murder.

3. Therefore...

3. Abortion is wrong.

i. If murder is wrong, and abortion is murder, then abortion is wrong. It is not only morally wrong, but like all forms of murder, it should be illegal. The case is clear.

ii. So, why is there any disagreement? Why isn't everyone passionately pro-life? Two reasons.

iii. First, many people are uninformed. They have never heard the case for life clearly presented as I hope to have done today. I believe that most people, especially Christians, if they hear the case for life, they will become pro-life.

iv. Second, many people are deceived. Pro-abortion advocates have come up with an number of crafty lies that have deceived many people. Let's take a look at some of these lies.

v. Lie #1: You can be pro-life personally and pro-choice politically.

1. This comes from the idea that the USA is based on limited government and individual freedom. Therefore, women should have the right to do whatever they want with their own bodies.

2. First of all, a preborn baby is not a part of a woman's body. It is inside of her body, but it is not a body part. It is a unique human being with its own DNA. If a preborn child is a part of woman's body, then that means she has four eyes,

two heads, twenty fingers, and four legs; that's not a woman, that's a monster.

3. Second, living in a free country doesn't mean that you can do whatever you want. You can't own slaves. You can't abuse your kids. You can't molest children. You can't rob a bank.
 4. In general, the idea of liberty in Western political thought doesn't mean that you can do anything you want, but that you can do anything you want as long as you don't threaten the life, liberty, and property of others.
 5. I'm all for a woman doing whatever she wants with her body, but a preborn child is not her body, and therefore she doesn't have the right to kill it.
 6. Some people say they are pro-life personally and pro-choice politically because they don't want to impose their beliefs on others. But some beliefs should be imposed on others. The belief murder is wrong should be imposed on others. The belief that child abuse is wrong should be imposed on others. The belief that rape is wrong should be imposed on others. And the belief that abortion is wrong because it is the murder of a human life should be imposed on others.
 7. Saying that you are pro-life personally but pro-abortion politically is ridiculous. That's like saying, "I'm against murder personally, but politically I think others should have the right to commit murder." "I'm against rape personally, but politically I think others should have the right to commit rape."
 8. Either abortion is murder or not. If it's murder, then it's wrong, and it should be illegal.
- vi. Lie #2: You can be pro-life without voting pro-life.
1. The problem is that there are a lot of Christians out there who claim to be pro-life, but they vote for pro-abortion candidates.
 2. By the way, let's just be clear, the Republican Party is the pro-life party, and the Democratic Party is the pro-abortion

party. Some people are pro-life, but they vote for Democratic candidates.

3. One explanation they give is that they don't want to be a single-issue voter.
 4. First of all, if you are a Christian you don't have to be a single-issue voter to vote Republican. The Democratic Party is the party of illegal immigration and open borders, soft-on-crime, gay marriage, drag-queen story hour, sex-change surgeries on children, men in women's sports, men in women's bathrooms, cancel culture, DEI, climate alarmism, anti-second amendment, anti-fossil fuels, and that's just getting started. If you can't find more than one reason to vote against the Democratic Party, then you're probably not a true Christian.
 5. Second, some issues are big enough to warrant single-issue voting. Let's say you go on a date with a girl, and everything is going great until she reveals that she's actually a man. Is that one issue big enough for you to not go on a second date? Let's say you go to Raisin' Canes and order a Caniac combo meal. When you open the box, you notice something is missing – the chicken. It has the sauce, the bread, the fries, the coleslaw; it's just missing one thing – the chicken. Is that one issue big enough for you to complain to the staff and demand that they fix it? It's okay to be a single-issue voter if the single issue is big enough. And abortion is big enough.
 6. Every day, over 4,000 innocent preborn babies are murdered in America. It's hard to find an issue bigger than that.
- vii. Lie #3: Abortion is bad, but it should be legal in the hard cases.
1. What are the hard cases? Rape, incest, and the life of the mother.
 2. First, this argument usually just used an excuse for abortion on demand. If you said to the pro-abortionist, "Fine. I'll go along to get along. If you'll agree to abolish all other

abortions, then I'll agree to make it legal for rape, incest, and the life of mother," do you think they would agree? Nope. They don't really care about victims of rape and incest, they don't really care about the life of the mother, they are just using that as an excuse for all abortion.

3. The truth is that 94% of all abortions occur for reasons other than the hard cases. So, this is not a big issue. We're only talking about six percent of cases.
4. Second, what about rape and incest?
 - a. People who bring up rape and incest imply that it is happening all the time, and that abolishing abortion would affect a lot of victims. But the truth is only .5% of all abortions occur because of rape or incest. It's very rare.
 - b. Rape is terrible. Incest is terrible. But should we punish the child for the sins of the father?
 - c. There are thousands (if not millions) of people around the world were conceived in rape and incest? Are their lives worth less than yours? Do you think they regret being born? Do you think they wish their mother would have aborted them? Of course not.
 - d. Rape and incest are terrible, but children are always a blessing.
 - e. **Psalm 127:4 (NLT)** "Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him."
 - f. And remember. If a child is conceived in rape or incest, the mother doesn't have to keep it. She can put it up for adoption, and there are many people who would love to have the child.
5. What about the life of the mother?
 - a. The notion that abortion is sometimes necessary to save the life of the mother is an absolute lie.
 - b. **The Dublin Declaration**, which has more than one thousand signatures from obstetricians, neonatologists, pediatricians, midwives, and other

medical professionals, states the following: “As experienced practitioners and researchers in obstetrics and gynecology, we affirm that direct abortion – the purposeful destruction of the unborn child – is not medically necessary to save the life of a woman. We uphold that there is a fundamental difference between abortion, and necessary medical treatments that are carried out to save the life of the mother, even if such treatment results in the loss of life of her unborn child. We confirm that the prohibition of abortion does not affect, in any way, the availability of optimal care to pregnant women.”

IV. CONCLUSION

1. What’s wrong with abortion?
 - i. Murder is wrong.
 - ii. Abortion is murder.
 - iii. Therefore, abortion is wrong.
2. All Christians should be solidly pro-life. Personally and politically against all abortions. Voting for pro-life politicians. Never having abortions, or performing abortions, or urging anyone to have an abortion.
3. And one more thing. All Christians should be praying together for the end of abortion worldwide.