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WHY ABORTION IS WRONG

Abortion has divided our society like few other topics in recent history. The Bible places the highest importance on human life. God treats it as sacred and invaluable—and that's because He created us "in His own image." This is why the Bible identifies an unborn baby as being fully human.

God created all life and He sustains it. He has given each of us the breath of life and it's our responsibility to protect what was given by Our Father in heaven. This is why the question about whether abortion is right or wrong is so significant. No man or woman has the right to steal from God or destroy the creation of life that belongs solely to Him.

In God's great love, He gives life that bears His image. Determining if abortion is good or bad goes well beyond the question of whether people have the right to terminate the life of a child. The real issue is whether people will insist on living according to worldly standards that oppose God's law. True peace comes when people surrender to God and allow Him to guide their lives according to His loving righteousness.

People who oppose God's law often think it's unnecessarily restrictive and difficult, but it is actually there because He loves us and wants to protect us, just like these children.

The Bible clearly teaches that abortion is wrong. This teaching comes across in many ways and for many reasons. Some people point out that the word "abortion" is not in the Bible, and that is true. Nevertheless, the teaching about abortion is there. This is the case with many teachings. The word "Trinity" is not in the Bible, but the teaching about the Trinity is there. In any case, a person who wants to deny the teaching about abortion would deny it even if the word were there.

Let's look at some of the Biblical reasons why abortion, the deliberate destruction of a child in the womb, is very wrong.

-The Bible teaches that human life is different from other types of life, because human beings are made in the very image of God.

-The accounts of the creation of man and woman in Genesis (Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7) tell us this: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27).

-The image of God! This is what it means to be human! We are not just a bunch of cells randomly thrown together by some impersonal forces. Rather, we really reflect an eternal God who knew us from before we were made, and purposely called us into being.

-There is the key. Not only did God make us, but He values us. The Bible tells us of a God who is in love with us, so much so that He became one of us and even died for us while we were still offending Him (see Romans 5:6-8). In the face of all this, can we say that human beings are disposable, like a car that becomes more trouble than it is worth? "God doesn't make junk." If you believe the Bible, you have to believe that human life is sacred, more sacred than we have ever imagined!

The Bible teaches that children are a blessing.

God commanded our first parents to "Be fruitful and multiply" (Genesis 1:28). Why? God Himself is fruitful. Love always overflows into life. When the first mother brought forth the first child, she exclaimed, "I have gotten a man from the Lord" (Genesis 4:1). The help of the Lord is essential, for He has dominion over human life and is its origin. Parents cooperate with God in bringing forth life. Because this whole process is under God's dominion, it is sinful to interrupt it.

"Children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward" (Psalm

127:3).

The Bible teaches that the child in the womb is truly a human child, who even has a relationship with the Lord.

God knows the preborn child. "Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb " (Psalm 139:13). God also helps and calls the preborn child. "I was fast upon thee from the womb: thou art my God from my mother's belly." "Be not far from me; for trouble is near; for there is none to help." (Psalm 22:10-11).

Scripture repeatedly condemns the killing of the innocent.

This flows from everything that has been seen so far. God's own finger writes in stone the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13, Deuteronomy 5:17) and Christ reaffirms it (Matthew 19:18 - notice that He mentions this commandment first). The Book of Revelation affirms that (unrepentant) murderers cannot enter the kingdom of heaven (Revelation 22:15).

The Bible teaches that God is a God of justice.

An act of justice is an act of intervention for the helpless, an act of defense for those who are too weak to defend themselves. In foretelling the Messiah, Psalm 72 says, "For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper" (Psalms 72:12).

If God does justice for His people, He expects His people to do justice for one another. "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36). "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them" (Matthew 7:12). "Love one another" (John 15:17).

Abortion is the opposite of these teachings. It is a reversal of justice. It is a destruction of the helpless rather than a rescue of them. If God's people do not intervene to save those whose lives are attacked, then the people are not pleasing or worshiping Him. We can likewise say, "There is neither born nor unborn." Using this distinction as a basis for the value of life or the protection one deserves is meaningless and offensive to all that Scripture teaches. The unborn are the segment of our society which is most neglected and discriminated against. Christ Himself surely has a special love for them.

Abortion is death. Christ came to conquer death, and therefore abortion. "I have come that they may have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Life begins at conception! Abortion is murder and the sixth commandment forbids direct and intentional killing as gravely sinful. The murderer and those who cooperate voluntarily in murder commit a sin that cries out to heaven for vengeance.

We should be funding pro life education, support and assistance to women who are in a difficult situation by providing options for the life of their unborn child. We should also support those who have made a decision to have an abortion in the past. Our God is an all forgiving God and all are forgiven who repent and believe in Him and His unending love and forgiveness.

There are many who would love and raise a child as their own and please take this into consideration over the death of a precious child. Murder should not be considered an option. We punish those who murder through our judicial system and the same consideration should be taken as well for abortion. There should be no options for the termination of a precious life. This includes and surgical or oral methods.

I respectfully submit this testimony and it is with much gratitude to have a voice that will hopefully stop this bill.