

Christianity and Hot Button Issues

Biblical and Cultural Challenges Christians Must Face

#10 – What About Pro-Abortion Arguments

1. Biblical Argument Against Abortion

- **Children are a gift of God:** “Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, The fruit of the womb is a reward.” Psalm 127:3 The Lord opens and closes the womb. Cf Genesis 15:2, 17:16, 21:2, 25:21 and 1 Samuel 1:19-20.
- **Children are a creation of God:** “Who made heaven and earth, The sea and all that is in them; Who keeps faith forever.” Psalm 146:6. Also, “John 1:3 “All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being.” cf Zec. 12:1
- **Abortion is the killing God’s very creation! God very specifically creates children in the womb:** Psalm 139:13-16 “For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother’s womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; 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.” Cf Jeremiah 1:5
- **Even a deformed child is a gift from God.** The passage used for this is often Exodus 4:11 when Moses argues that he is slow of speech and tongue. “The Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord.” Man see something bad happening, but forgets that God has a purpose even for evil. Cf *What About Evil* by Scott Christensen and John 9:1-2.
- **Man, as well as children, are made in God’s image:** Genesis 1:27 “God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” James 3:9 “With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God;”
- **The killing of man, God’s image, without cause is murder:** Genesis 9:6 “Whoever sheds man’s blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.” cf Matthew 26:51-52.
- **Some will argue that because of rape or incest, a baby ought to be aborted.** No baby is a mistake. David acknowledges his mother’s sin in his conception in Psalm 51:5 “Behold, I was brought forth iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.” This does not mean that David was a mistake, nor does it mean that any child created by God in the womb is a mistake. Rather, it acknowledges that a person is a sinner from birth.
- **Children have a special place in our care—even those in the womb:** Matthew 18:5-6 “And whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me; but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a heavy millstone hung around his neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.”
- **The killing of a child is murder.** Exodus 21:22-24 “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. But if there is any further injury then you shall appoint as a penalty life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.” Some supporters of abortion argue that verse

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22 indicates there is no penalty if a baby is born prematurely (aborted due to a struggle). This is totally incorrect. The verse clearly states, “yet there is no injury.” An aborted baby is killed through the violence done to it! This case does not support pro-abortion arguments.

Pro-Abortion Advocates Major Arguments. (See PowerPoint Slides for specific responses to each of these arguments.)

2. What about separation of church and state?
3. Aren't you imposing your morals on me?
4. The law can't change hearts, can it?
5. What about my body, my choice?
6. What if the baby is unwanted and lives in poor conditions?
7. What about rape and incest?
8. Won't it increase back-alley abortions?
9. An unborn child isn't fully developed or viable, is it?
10. Abortion views by the numbers.

Resources

- Book: *Why Pro-Life? Caring for the unborn and their mothers* by Randy Alcorn
- Book: *The Case for Life. Equipping Christians to Engage the Culture* by Scott Klusendorf
- Book: *The Story of Abortion in America* by Marvin Olasky & Leah Savas
- Book: *The Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask* by Mark Mittelberg
- Book: *The Atonement Child* by Francine Rivers
- Book: *Innocent Blood. Challenging the Powers of Death with the Gospel of Life* by John Enso
- Website and Video: Cross Examined: How to Answer Abortion Arguments by Frank Turek: <https://crossexamined.org/how-to-answer-arguments-for-abortion-with-frank-turek/>
- Website and Video: *Case For Life* website by Scott Klusendorf. **Caution**: graphic video showing abortions in all three trimesters: <http://caseforlife.com>