

Abortion

Before we start a study on abortion, I believe it is very important that we first understand:

- We are all sinners, whether we have had an abortion or not (Romans 3:23).
- It took a perfect Sacrifice to pay for our sins to satisfy a perfect and holy God. God's love is so great that He sent His Son to be that Sacrifice in order to have a loving relationship with those who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior (John 3:16; Romans 10:9-10; Hebrews 10:5-14).
- No matter what we have done, there is forgiveness. 1 John 1:9 states: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (NIV).
- Even though sin is forgiven through confession and repentance, there are still consequences for our sins that exist in this life. We and others may grieve and suffer pain and loss for our choices even though God forgives us and restores our relationship with Him. Even though King David of the Old Testament repented of his adultery and murder, and was forgiven, he still lost the son born to him out of his adultery (2 Samuel 12:7-23).
- Our past sins can be, in God's hands, turned into something to teach and encourage others, and used for God's glory and good purposes (Ephesians 2:1-10).

What is life?

- The definition of "life" has changed due to changes in the culture and ideologies of the times.
- Life may be defined differently depending on the "worldview" of the person or persons you ask. For example, the definition of "life" in the Noah Webster Dictionary of 1828 states, "...an organized being in which its natural functions and motions are performed, or in which its organs are capable of performing their functions." In regards to man, it says, "...the state of being in which the soul and body are united." That same dictionary even goes on to quote Jesus as "The way, the truth and the life". The dictionary of that day often contained references to the Bible.
- The Bible uses the Old Testament words "nephesh" (which has to do more with the soul, mind or inner being) and "chay" (which perhaps has to do more with the biologic aspects of life).
- The New Testament Greek word for life is "zoe."

The Bible goes on to teach that human life starts in the womb. The following are some verses in reference to this:

• Psalm 139:13-16	• Isaiah 44:2, 24	• Job 31:15
• Ecclesiastes 11:5	• Jeremiah 1:5	• Luke 1:41-42

Some basic facts about the unborn baby:

- ♡ It is fully human, not another creature or organism.
- ♡ It is fully alive and growing.
- ♡ It is complete needing only support and time to fully develop.
- ♡ It is vulnerable and innocent. Whether it is inside or outside of the womb, as in the case of a prematurely born baby, it is in need of protection and care.

Questions to consider:

- 1) In what ways might the care of the unborn be similar to a disabled person on full life support?
- 2) If the inconvenience of an unborn child is a valid reason to terminate its life, how might this differ from the inconvenience an infant or child to allow a parent to terminate its life?
- 3) How could our nation have benefited from the lives of the 63 million children aborted in America so far, given their potential talents, influence and productivity?
- 4) As a nation, in regards to the taking of the lives of so many unborn children, what might it look like to fall into the hands of the living God (Hebrews 10:31)? How can He bless America when we are destroying our unborn children?