

Abortion

I never intended to write a paper on the topic of abortion. Usually I only write about things when there is something that needs to be said. When it comes to this topic, though, I thought that *surely* all Christians could understand that murdering children and selling their organs is a terrible, *terrible* sin against God. There's simply no way that any Christian could ever support that – right?

But it turns out that's just not the case. There are many Christians who have no problem with abortion whatsoever. In fact, the goalposts have moved. It used to be that abortion only involved murdering children *before* they were born. Now we are being told that it's perfectly fine to murder them *after* they're born as well. After all, they say, an infant isn't really that different from an unborn baby. Even a toddler isn't very self-aware or fully developed. Children, it seems, aren't really “human” after all. Some people claim that they are entirely disposable, and if you want to murder your infants and sell their organs then you go right ahead. God, we are told, has no problem with it.

It really says a lot about our time when we have to tell *other Christians* that children really *are* human beings, that it is wrong to murder them, and that it is evil to harvest their organs and sell them. Believe it or not, there was a time when Christians actually understood that murdering people was a terrible sin. These days, though, it's hard to find a sin that the modern church *don't* support. (In fact, I strongly suspect that many of these so-called Christians aren't actually Christians at all, but that is a subject for another time.)

So, let's get started. Is it a sin to murder innocent people? Yes, actually, yes it is. Despite what you may have been told, murder really *is* a sin. Now, I'm sure you think I'm going to go to the Ten Commandments to defend this claim, but I'm not. Let's take a look at a far more graphic example:

2 Kings 24:1: “In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him.

2 And the Lord sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by his servants the prophets.

3 Surely at the commandment of the Lord came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did;

4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the Lord would not pardon.”

Manasseh was king over Jerusalem, and during his reign he did terrible things. He shed a great deal of innocent blood – which means that he murdered many, many innocent people. This angered the Lord tremendously, and He refused to pardon what Manasseh did. The innocent blood of Manasseh's countless victims cried out to God for vengeance, and the cry was so great that God sent armies against Jerusalem. The reason He sent those armies was *to destroy the city* and slaughter its inhabitants. Since the nation killed innocent people, God decided to kill the nation.

As you can see, God is not “perfectly fine” with the idea of murdering innocent people. He *hates* it. He hates it so much that it actually brings God's judgment down upon the *entire nation*. Murdering innocent people is one of the few things that will cause God to destroy entire countries. He hates it *that much*.

But, some claim, the unborn aren't actually “people”. Even infants and toddlers aren't really

people. They're just clumps of undeveloped cells; they're not fully sentient or anything. Killing them and harvesting their organs is perfectly fine – right? Actually, *no*, it's not fine. I am here to tell you that it is most certainly *not fine*. The Bible repeatedly refers to pregnant women as being “with child”. Take a look:

Genesis 16:11: “And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the Lord hath heard thy affliction.”

Genesis 19:36: “Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father.”

Genesis 25:21: “And Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.
22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to enquire of the Lord.”

Believe me, I could go on and give many more examples – the Bible is very consistent about this. But I think I've made my point. Pregnant women are *with child*. (And yes, I realize that modern translations use the word “pregnant” instead of “with child”. Given how many Christians support abortion and even get abortions themselves, I'm not at all surprised that modern translations try to appease people by hiding the reality of what “being pregnant” really means. But facts are facts; changing the language does not change the reality of what is really going on.)

You still don't believe that the unborn are children? Take a look at Genesis 25:21-22. The Bible says that Rebekah conceived, and at that point she had two *children* inside her. The unborn “things” inside her were *children*. They were not some sort of weird, alien, unknown blob of cells. They were human beings. People today say “Oh, it's not really a child; it's just a fetus” – apparently ignorant of the fact that “fetus” is just a Latin word that means “unborn baby”. Using a Latin term instead of the English word *doesn't change what it is*.

The truth is that people already know that the unborn are human beings. This isn't some great secret. If that unborn human being is *wanted*, then its parents rejoice over it, give it names, take pictures of it, and start preparing their home for it. If they have a miscarriage then they mourn over the loss of their child. If someone were to somehow kidnap their unborn child, kill it, and harvest the child's organs, its parents would never dream of saying “Oh well, it doesn't really matter; it was just a clump of cells. No biggie.” It's only when the child *isn't* wanted that we suddenly start coming up with excuses as to why it's ok to crush the skull of this creature whose life is inconveniencing us. But you can't have it both ways. If it is a child *when you want it to be*, then it is also a child when it's a big inconvenience to you. Its innate humanity does *not* depend on whether or not you want to keep it alive.

Let's get real here: life begins at conception, not at implantation or when the “creature” becomes a teenager. The Bible is very clear about this:

Genesis 4:1: “And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.”

Genesis 4:17: “And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.”

Genesis 16:4: “And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.”

Genesis 21:2: “For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him.”

Genesis 25:21: “And Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived.”

This really should be obvious. Conception is the point where the egg is fertilized; it is when the entire process begins. People may argue that there's not much chance of survival until implantation happens, but that is completely irrelevant. You see, the person's chance of survival has *no impact* on whether that creature is a human being and whether his life has actually begun. For that matter, people have little chance of survival on their own until they're at least in the first grade; toddlers just don't do very well if left alone in the wild. The real question is not “When is the person old enough to take care of himself and live on his own?” No, what really matters is *when does his life begin* – and it obviously begins at conception. Let's be serious, folks: if you suddenly enter a life-threatening situation and your chance of survival is low, *you don't stop being a human being*. Whether or not you have a chance of living another 24 hours is *completely unrelated* to whether you are a human being or a toaster.

Interestingly, the Bible tells us that conception is when the child acquires its sin nature:

Psalms 51:5: “Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.”

This verse is not saying that David was the product of an adulterous affair; instead it is talking about the doctrine of original sin. All of us inherit the sin nature of Adam. We are not merely *born* sinners; we are actually *conceived* as sinners. We have a sin nature from the moment of conception. Now, it should be obvious that in order to have a sin nature *we have to be people*. “Clumps of cells” cannot have a sin nature. Animals cannot have a sin nature. Only *people* can have sin natures.

And take a look at this:

Luke 1:13: “But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.”

John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit *before* he was born. This obviously means that the unborn are able to be filled with the Spirit. Now, animals can't be filled with the Spirit, and “clumps of cells” can't be filled with the Spirit either. Only *people* can be filled with the Holy Spirit. Therefore, John the Baptist was obviously a person *before* he was born.

That “thing” that starts growing when a woman becomes pregnant is a *human being*. It is a *child* that has a sin nature and that is able to be filled with the Holy Spirit. The Bible tells us that harming this unborn child carries serious consequences:

Exodus 21:22: “If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart from her, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.

23 And if any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life,

24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot,

25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.”

This passage examines the situation where a man hurts a pregnant woman and causes her to give birth prematurely. If there is no harm to the child then he is forced to pay a fine. However, if there *is* harm to the child then he will be punished. If what he did causes the child to die then *he is to be executed*. This passage is very clear about this. If his actions caused “mischief” to the child – if he harmed it in any way – then he is guilty. If his actions lead to the death of the child, then in the eyes of God he is guilty of murder and was to be executed for his crime. In other words, abortion carried the *death penalty*. In the sight of God it is murder, plain and simple.

One of the things that fascinates me about this topic is that people who support abortion are almost always against capital punishment. This means that while they are 100% against the execution of rapists, murderers, and child abusers, they *support* the murder of innocent children – children who have committed no crimes whatsoever. In other words, they are *against* putting to death dangerous felons, but they *support* the violent dismembering of little children. Rapists should have their lives spared; children should have their organs harvested and sold. It's really hard to think of a more demonic position to take than that. There is nothing the least bit Christian about murdering someone and selling their liver – and the fact that we are even having this conversation at all is a sign of how appalling evil the modern church has become.

There are all kinds of arguments that people use to try to justify abortion, but I'm not going to try to cover them all here. There's really no point. It all comes down to this: that unborn “thing” is a *human being*, and it is wrong to murder innocent human beings. It is a *very serious* and very evil thing to do. Yes, I realize that there may be other human beings in your life who are inconveniencing you. It may be that if those other human beings were dead, you would be a lot happier. Maybe other humans are causing you pain, and if they would just die already everything would be great. Maybe you didn't ask for that human being to come into your life at all, and the whole situation is just plain unfair. But here is the problem: *that does not give you the right to kill them*. You do not have the right to murder other people in order to make your own life more bearable. No matter how much happier you might be if that other person was dead, *you do not have the right to kill them*.

If you *do* have the right to murder anyone who gets in your way, then that obviously means that other people have the right to murder *you* when they decide that you are getting in their way. If the lives of other people are not sacred, then your own life isn't sacred either. You cannot claim a right to life and then turn around and deny that right to others. You cannot say “Well, my life counts and theirs doesn't.” After all, it doesn't take very much imagination to imagine someone else saying “Well, *my* life is the one that counts, and you are the one who is a bother.”

The bottom line is this: the unborn are *people*. Children are *people*. The Bible is crystal clear about this. It is wrong to murder innocent people, and it is wrong to harvest their organs. It is wrong to kill other people, even if it will make your own life more convenient. God *hates* it when the innocent are killed. In fact, He hates it so much that it brings down His judgment upon the wicked nation that dared to do such a thing. Is this concept really that hard to understand?