

RESOURCE LITERATURE

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FOOTNOTES

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"You created
every part
of me;
You put me
together
in my mother's
womb."

Psalms 139:13

ABORTION &
the CHRISTIAN

KNOW THE FACTS

▶ In 1973 the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion on demand throughout the country.¹ ▶ There are several types of abortion: suction curettage, dilation and curettage (D&C), chemical abortions (RU-486), dilation and evacuation (D&E), dilation and extraction (D&X) – also known as partial-birth abortion, saline solution, prostaglandin abortion, hysterotomy and intercardiac injection.² ▶ An unborn child has a heartbeat 18 days after conception.³ ▶ An unborn child has detectable brain waves as early as 40 days after conception.⁴ ▶ There are potential medical complications from an abortion such as infection, hemorrhage, cervical tear, perforation of the uterus and other organs, anesthesia reaction, sterility, prematurity and death.⁵

The Bible

Speaks for the Sanctity of Human Life

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you.” *Jeremiah 1:5*

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby moved within her. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and said in a loud voice, ‘You are the most blessed of all women, and blessed is the child you will bear! Why should this great thing happen to me, that my Lord’s mother comes to visit me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the baby within me jumped with gladness.’” *Luke 1:41-45*

“When my bones were being formed, carefully put together in my mother’s womb, when I was growing there in secret, you knew that I was there—you saw me before I was born. The days allotted to me had all been recorded in your book, before any of them ever began.” *Psalms 139:15-16*

“You created every part of me; you put me together in my mother’s womb.” *Psalms 139:13*

Many religious denominations have taken a public stand against abortion.

Orthodox Christians have always viewed the willful abortion of unborn children as a heinous act of evil. The Church's canonical tradition identifies any action intended to destroy a fetus as the crime of murder."⁷

Orthodox Church in America

The Assemblies of God is unashamedly pro-life. Even though a United States Supreme Court decision legalized abortion in 1973, abortion is still immoral and sinful. This stand is founded on the biblical truth that all human life is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27)."⁸

Assemblies of God

"Whereas each human being from conception through the natural continuum of life has value and dignity in the eyes of God and before the law, the killing of innocent human beings will bring the judgment of God upon our society."¹¹ At their 1993 convention, a resolution was passed opposing the use of fetal tissue from an electively aborted fetus.¹²

Independent Fundamental Churches of America

"...Be it finally resolved that we do reaffirm our opposition to legalized abortion and our support of appropriate federal and state legislation and/or a constitutional amendment which will prohibit abortion except to prevent the imminent death of the mother."¹⁰

Southern Baptist Convention

"All human life — from the moment of conception and through all subsequent stages — is sacred, because human life is created in the image and likeness of God."⁹

Pope John Paul II

"I think that life is sacred and we should take a position of being against abortion. I think it is wrong to take human life. I think that human life starts at conception."⁶

**Evangelist
Billy Graham**



"No one is worthless whom God has created and for whom Christ died." However, American society has betrayed the ideal of respect for life, "becoming a society of strangers, obsessed with personal rights and severing the ties of duty, compassion and love to the weak and unwanted."¹³

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

"The Church of the Nazarene affirms the sanctity of human life as established by God the Creator and believes that such sanctity extends to the child not yet born. Therefore, we oppose induced abortion when used for either personal convenience or population control. We oppose laws that allow abortion on demand."¹⁴

Church of the Nazarene

"In decisions about life and death, the sanctity of life of both mother and child must be respected, and every effort to preserve their lives should

be made. This leads us to stand against abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, and any other practice which would devalue human life."¹⁵

Presbyterian Church (USA), Presbyterians Pro-Life

"We (PCA) are convinced Scripture forbids abortion. The premise of the personhood of the unborn child and the premise of the universal validity of the Sixth Commandment, if true, necessitates the conclusion that abortion is wrong. The PCA is totally committed to a pro-life position, because persons are created in the image of God. Therefore the PCA encourages adoption as a choice."¹⁶

Presbyterian Church in America

WHAT CAN CHRISTIANS DO ABOUT ABORTION?

1 Identify members of your congregation who support the right to life.

2 Involve religious leaders in your church—encourage them to preach on sanctity of human life—counsel against abortion—minister to women who have had abortions.

3 Place pro-life literature in the church library.

4 Give educational programs to adults as well as young people.

5 Place right-to-life ads in religious newspapers and on Christian radio and TV stations.

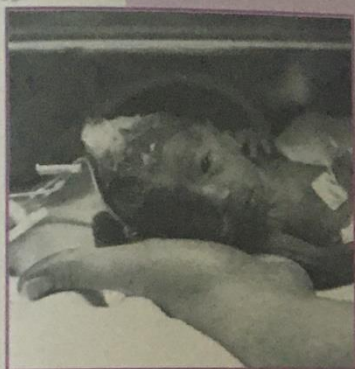
6 Join a local right-to-life group.

7 Hold special awareness events—January 22, Supreme Court Anniversary—Mother's Day—Father's Day—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.

8 Volunteer at a crisis pregnancy center.

9 Educate medical professionals in your congregation.

10 Pray that society will open its eyes to the evil of abortion.

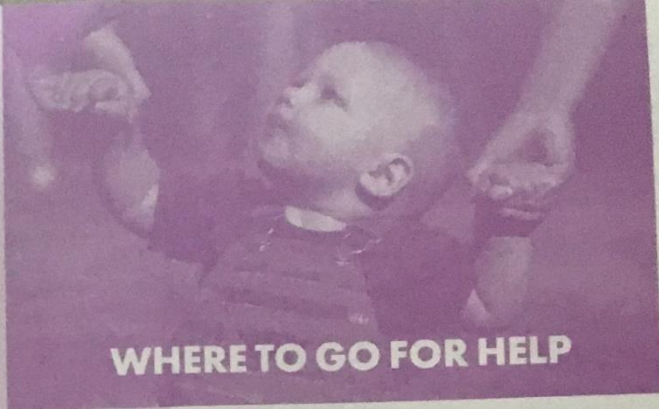


The baby above was born at 28 weeks and because she was "wanted" medical professionals saved her life. The babies below were "unwanted" and aborted at 24 weeks.

Picture on right used with permission. WHY CAN'T WE LOVE THEM BOTH: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT ABORTION. Willke, Hayes Pub. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.



Clearly abortion cannot be pleasing in the eyes of God.



WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

Association of Black Catholics Against Abortion
1011 First Avenue New York, NY 10022

• (212) 371-1000, Ext. 3060

Baptists for Life P.O. Box 3158 Grand Rapids, MI 49501 • (616) 458-9999

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Pro-Life Office 1333 S. Kirkwood Road St. Louis, MO 63122 • (314) 965-9000

National Committee for a Human Life Amendment 1511 K Street, N.W., Suite 335 Washington, D.C. 20005 • (202) 393-0703 (A Catholic grassroots organization)

National Organization of Episcopalians for Life (NOEL) 405 Frederick Ave. Sewickley, PA 15143 • (800) 707-NOEL • (412) 749-0455

National Right to Life

Suite 500 419 7th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004-2293 • (202) 626-8800 (202) 737-9189 (FAX) <http://www.nrlc.org>

Orthodox Christians for Life John and Val Protopapas, P.O. Box 805 Melville, New York 11747 • (516) 271-4408 Jim Jattras, Esq. (Legislative Contact), 3209 N. Noddingham St. Arlington, VA 22207 • (703) 237-5807 (Greek, Russian, Serbian, Albanian, and Romanian Orthodox Christians)

Presbyterians Pro-Life-Research, Education and Care, Inc. P.O. Box 11130 Burke, VA 22009-1130 • (703) 569-9474

Southern Baptist Convention Christian Life Commission 901 Commerce Street, Suite 550 Nashville, TN 37203 • (615) 244-2495 or 400 North Capital Street, N.W., Suite 594 Washington D.C. 20001 • (202) 638-3223

Task Force of United Methodists on Abortion and Sexuality 512 Florence Street Dothan, AL 36301 • (205) 794-8543

United Church of Christ Friends for Life P.O. Box 235 Sassamansville, PA 19472 • (610) 754-7752

Women for Faith and Family (WFF) P.O. Box 8326 St. Louis, MO 63132 • (314) 863-8385 • (314) 863-5858 (FAX) Catholic pro-life, pro-family organization