

Question: "What does the Bible say about the issue of abortion?" (Student Notes)

- To be clear, the Bible never *specifically* addresses the issue of abortion, in that it says, *"Thou shalt not commit abortion..."*; however, it does not mean it is silent on the issue or does not address the issue. We know this because there are numerous teachings in Scripture that make it abundantly clear what God's view of abortion – life – and living is.
- **Jeremiah 1:5 (NET 2nd ed.); Psalm 139:13–16 (NET 2nd ed.); Exodus 21:22–25 (NET 2nd ed.)**
- What is crystal clear, God most definitely considers a baby in the womb to be just as much a human being as a full-grown adult without question.
- Now here is what speaks to us as believers in Christ Jesus; for the Christian, abortion is not a matter of a woman's right to choose or not to choose to have a baby.
- Currently, we are hearing a common argument against the Christian – biblical stance on abortion which is *"What about in the cases of rape and/or incest?"* The slogan, *"My Body, My Choice,"* did not come from the Bible.
- **1 Corinthians 6:15–20 (NET 2nd ed.)**
- Scripture says humans are made in God's image and that it's wrong to kill them. Scripture does not distinguish between humans at an early stage of development and humans at a later stage, nor does it distinguish between those conceived in rape and those conceived otherwise. Human life is human life, period, and all vulnerable humans deserve protection.
- **Proverbs 6:16–19 (NET 2nd ed.)**
- **Proverbs 24:11–12 (NET 2nd ed.)**
- Therefore, the slogan *"My Body, My Choice,"* betrays a tragic misunderstanding of what is taking place inside the womb. At no point in pregnancy is the developing embryo or fetus simply a part of the mother's body.
- Consider these facts: Growth in the womb is a rapid process; all systems are in place by week eight. There are a number of clear biological facts, and all sorts of legal

precedents, that easily refute the claim that the embryo or fetus is simply part of the mother's body.

- I found this statement on awomansright.org website.
- I want to also encourage you to visit the website abort73.com/testimony and read some of the real stories that have been submitted by women explaining their situations.
- And don't forget, and it may be hard to do, but we have to always approach any aspect of life from a Christian perspective.
- *I remind us of a story in 1 Chronicles 4:9–10 (NET 2nd ed.)*
- Another argument often used against the Christian stance on abortion is *"What about when the life of the mother is at risk?"*
- Let me conclude with this: for those who have had an abortion, remember that the sin of abortion is no less forgivable than any other sin committed. Through faith in Christ, all sins can be forgiven.
- A woman who has had an abortion, a man who has encouraged an abortion, and a doctor who has performed an abortion—all can be forgiven by faith in Jesus Christ.
- *(John 3:16; Romans 8:1; Colossians 1:14).*

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FOOTNOTES

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