

What does Society say about Abortion?

As described by the *British Pregnancy Advisory Service*, “Abortion is when a pregnancy is ended so that it doesn't result in the birth of a child. Sometimes it is called 'termination of pregnancy'. BPAS cares for women with an unplanned or unwanted pregnancy. We treat thousands of women who've decided that abortion is the right choice for them, and give advice and counselling to women who don't know what to do next.” ... There are two types of abortion:

- 1) The abortion pill, of which there are two types. One known as “early medical abortion” is to be taken within the first ten weeks. The second abortion pill treatment causes the womb to contract and push out the pregnancy, and this can be taken from ten weeks to twenty-four weeks.
- 2) Surgical abortion, of which there are also two types. “Vacuum aspiration”, up to fifteen weeks, “removes the pregnancy by gentle suction” with local anaesthetic. “Dilation and evacuation” is carried out between fifteen and twenty-four weeks under general anaesthetic. “The pregnancy is removed using narrow forceps passed through the neck of the womb and some gentle suction”. Both types of “surgical abortion” are carried out and completed within the same day. No further action required.

Since 1967, almost 9.2 million abortions have been performed in the UK. It is lauded as great progress, as illustrated by recent celebrations in Ireland ...









What does the Bible teach about Abortion?

The Bible does not specifically address the issue of abortion. However, there are numerous teachings in Scripture which make God's view of abortion abundantly clear. First of all, He is the origin of life, **Jer. 1:5** *Before I formed thee in the belly ...* **Ps. 139:13** *For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.* **14** *I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well.* **15** *My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.* **16** *Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.. ... In the mother's womb, from conception, God considers a baby as a human being.*

What, though, about 'foetal abnormality', or diagnoses which indicate an unborn child may have a disorder of some kind? ... Are they any less of a child? ... Consider this, God called Moses as His spokesman to Pharaoh. However, Moses protested, **Ex. 4:10** *O my Lord, I am not eloquent ... but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. ... I have a disability, - a serious stutter. Listen to the Lord's reply,* **Ex. 4:11** *Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the LORD? ... A child is precious to the Lord, regardless of any deficiency, or none,* **Ps. 127:3** *Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward ... Therefore, the child's destruction is not only an assault on the baby, but it is also an assault upon God Who has created him or her.*

In the Law of Moses, the people of Israel were instructed, **Ex. 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 ... These verses prescribe the same penalty of death for someone who causes the death of a baby in the womb, as for someone who commits murder. This is how God was teaching the people of Israel. ... The death of a baby in the womb was considered as murder!*

It is not simply a matter of a woman's right to choose, for there are *two people* to consider, - not only the mother, but also the baby in the womb ... the little baby who is made in the image of God (Gen. 1:26,27; 9:6). Again, listen to Job, **Job 31:13** *If I did despise the cause of my manservant or of my maidservant, when they contended with me; **14** What then shall I do when God riseth up? and when he visiteth, what shall I answer him? **15** Did not he that made me in the womb make him? and did not one fashion us in the womb? ... Surely, whether embryonic, foetal, or viable, God's word is conclusive for abortion is contrary to His will.*

Another of the arguments against the Christian's stance on abortion is "What about cases of rape and/or incest?" As horrible as it would be to become pregnant as a result of rape and/or incest, is the murder of a baby the answer? Surely, two wrongs do not make a right. The child who is a result of rape/incest could be given in adoption to a loving family unable to have children on their own, or the child could be raised by its mother. Again, the baby is completely innocent and should not be punished for the evil acts of its father.

Another argument is, "What about when the life of the mother is at risk?" ... This *is* the most difficult question to answer on the issue of abortion. However, apparently, this dilemma is the reason behind less than one-tenth of one percent of the abortions done in the world today. Far more women have an abortion for convenience than women who have an abortion to save their own lives. But also, let's remember God is a God of miracles. He can preserve the life of a mother and a child despite all the medical opinion being against it. Ultimately, though, this question can only be decided between a husband, wife, and God. Great prayer, love and understanding are required in such circumstances.

Over 95% of the abortions performed today involve women who simply do not want to have a baby. Promiscuity is the reason for many abortions. Sometimes it is also because being pregnant doesn't suit their present circumstances. ... Less than 5 percent of abortions are for the reasons of rape, incest, or the mother's health being at risk. Even in the more difficult 5% of instances, abortion should never be the first option because surely, the life of a little, innocent, helpless human being in the womb is worth every effort to allow the child to be born. ... Abortion is unfair to the baby ... who has no 'human rights'.

Consider how the Lord Jesus loved the children, - He would *never* have approved abortion, [Lk. 18:15](#) And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them ... [16](#) But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. [17](#) Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein. Previously He had [Mt. 18:2](#) And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, [3](#) And said ... [5](#) whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. [6](#) But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. ... Job said, [Job 1:21](#) Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. ... It is the Lord

Doubtless, there are occasions when the birth of a deformed child can bring heartache, - for example, if there is a serious abnormality, or as a result of rape, or if the mother's life is at risk ... but little child's life is not ours to condemn. Their life is in the hands of God, and He is the final Arbiter ... and abortion takes that right from Him.

What if someone has had an abortion, and what if they now recognise how wrong it was? ... How do they stand before God? ... They stand before God as every other sinner stands, and the only means by which they can be forgiven is the same means *any* sinner can be forgiven, that is, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And whether it has been the woman herself who has had the abortion, or the man who has encouraged it, or even a doctor who has performed it ... all sin can be forgiven by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I realise this is a hard subject. It is easy to coldly *pontificate* as some kind of heartless individual, but that is not the purpose of our study. The purpose of our study is to understand the little baby in the womb from God's perspective, and to uphold what God teaches regarding the sanctity of that little baby's life. ... Remember those pictures of the women celebrating their victory in the Republic of Ireland, - that says it all! There wasn't the least modicum of sadness for the death of a human life, no matter how small? ... Have we not far surpassed Sodom and Gomorrah?! ... What kind of a civilisation have we become who celebrates the murder of a helpless, innocent little baby, unfit to defend itself! ... Where will such cruelty end? What kind of a world have we become?

If you wish to pursue this further, you can find an excellent article written by John Piper at <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/ten-reasons-why-it-is-wrong-to-take-the-life-of-unborn-children>.