

Thinking Biblically
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A Gracious and Biblical Response to Abortion
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Intro

- Ever since the monumental Supreme Court Decision, Roe V. Wade, in 1973, women have had a constitutional right to access abortion in all 50 states in America.

The Issue and Numbers

- Based on state-level data, approximately 879,000 abortions took place in the United States in 2017, down from approximately 892,000 in 2016 and 913,000 in 2015.¹

What Does the Bible Say?

- God is sovereign over life and death. **Gen 1:1; Deut 32:39**
- We are created in the Image of God. **Gen 1:27**
 - We are an integrated combination of material and immaterial. **Gen 2:7**
 - Both the immaterial and material are vital in our constitution as humans.
 - The Christian worldview affirms that matter does matter (the body matters).
- God is intimately involved in the creation of each individual. **Ps 139:13-16; 22:9-10**
 - Notice that there is continuity between God's care and David's personhood in the womb and outside the womb.
- Murder is forbidden – **Exod 20:13; Mark 10:19; Rom 13:9**
- Infanticide is forbidden – **Exod 1:15-17**

¹ https://abort73.com/abortion_facts/us_abortion_statistics/

- Governments exercise a delegated authority – **Rom 13:1-7.**

The Arguments (from Twitter recently):

- Abortion is not in the Bible
- The fetus is not a living human being
- The fetus is part of a woman's body
- The baby might be human, but is not a legally protected person
- What about if the health of the mother is at stake?
- Christians are pro-birth, not pro-life
- The child will grow up in foster care

How do we respond?

- The gospel – **1 Cor 6:10**
- With compassion
- With righteous anger
- With time and resources
 - **Job 31:16-22**
- With a holistic strategy
- Public
 - With political action
 - With imagination

Resources

Randy Alcorn, *ProLife Answers to ProChoice Arguments* (Multnomah Publishers, 2000)
 _____, *Why Pro-Life? Caring for the Unborn and Their Mothers* (Multnomah Publishers, 2004)
 Mona Charen, *Sex Matters: How Modern Feminism Lost Touch with Science, Love, and Common Sense* (Crown Forum, 2018)
 Nancy M. Pearcey, *Love Thy Body: Answering Hard Questions about Life and Sexuality* (Baker, 2018)
 David Platt, *Counter Culture: Following Christ in an Anti-Christian Age* (Tyndale, 2017)