

## Abortion

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According to research performed by the Guttmacher Institute, one in four teenage girls gets pregnant by age eighteen; half become pregnant by age twenty-one.

Of the more than one million American teens that become pregnant every year, roughly half choose to have abortions. Approximately a third of all recorded U.S. abortions – which number in excess of 1.5 million every year – are performed on teenagers. In fact, the abortion rate for eighteen-year-olds is two times that of the national average. Dr. M. Balfin states that “More teenagers are having abortions in the United States than in any other country in the world.”

Such statistics may only be the tip of the iceberg, however. A rate of 1.5 million abortions figures out to 4,000 abortions a day in the U.S. However, there are at least 4,000 abortion clinics or facilities currently operating in the U.S.. It is unlikely that those clinics perform only one abortion per day; consequently, the number of abortions probably far exceeds the oft-quoted figure of 1.5 million. The number of teens having abortions may be more than half a million.

Even Planned Parenthood estimates that nearly two-thirds of teen abortions are never reported: “Respondents aged 15-19 are estimated to have reported only 33 percent of the abortions they obtained.”

Like those in America, the number of abortions performed in other countries – from around 70,000 a year in Canada to 180,000 a year in the United Kingdom – continue to increase, adding to the number of babies aborted year after year in worldwide holocaust.

Moreover, one out of every six women who have an abortion describes herself as an evangelical Christian.

### The Types of Abortion

Abortion has become one the most common surgical procedures in the Western world. It has become tragically common among teens – even among Christian teens – for several reasons.

Induced abortion

Menstrual extraction

Dilation and Evacuation (D&E)

Dilation and Curettage (D&C)

Intra-Amniotic Infusion

Hysterotomy and Hysterectomy

Drugs

Counseling

### In the Bible, the same Greek word is used for a fetus, newly born child, and young child.

- **Luke 1:41, 44 HCSB** When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby (1025) leaped inside her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. **44** For you see, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby (1025) leaped for joy inside me!  
Note: The child here is yet in the womb.
- **Luke 2:12,16 HCSB** This will be the sign for you: you will find a baby (1025) wrapped snugly in cloth and lying in a feeding trough." **16** They hurried off and found both Mary and Joseph, and the baby (1025) who was lying in the feeding trough.  
Note: The child here is a newborn.

- **Acts 7:19 HCSB** He dealt deceitfully with our race and oppressed our forefathers by making them leave their infants (1025) outside so they wouldn't survive.
- **Luke 18:15 HCSB** Some people were even bringing infants (1025) to Him so He might touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.  
Note: The children here were able to be out and about.

**David spoke of himself as a living being separate and apart from his mother while in her womb.**

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**In cases where an unborn fetus was harmed by a man, the Mosaic Law treated the fetus as a living person. If a man killed an unborn fetus, his punishment was death. If we were living under the Mosaic Law today, abortionists would be punished with death.**

- **Exodus 21:22-25 HCSB** "When men get in a fight, and hit a pregnant woman so that her children are born *prematurely*, but there is no injury, the one who hit her must be fined as the woman's husband demands from him, and he must pay according to judicial assessment. **23** If there is an injury, then you must give life for life, **24** eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, **25** burn for burn, bruise for bruise, wound for wound.

**The phrase woman with child affirms that a fetus is a child**

- **2 Kings 19:3 HCSB** They said to him, "This is what Hezekiah says: 'Today is a day of distress, rebuke, and disgrace, for children have come to the point of birth, but there is no strength to deliver *them*.'
- **Job 3:13-16 HCSB** For then I would have laid down in peace; I would be asleep. Then I would be at rest **14** with the kings and counselors of the earth, who rebuilt ruined cities for themselves, **15** or with princes who had gold, who filled their houses with silver. **16** Or *why* was I not hidden like a miscarried child, like infants who never see daylight?
- **Ecclesiastes 11:5 HCSB** Just as you don't know the path of the wind, or how bones *develop* in the womb of a pregnant woman, so you don't know the work of God who makes everything.
- **Isaiah 66:9 HCSB** "Will I bring a baby to the point of birth and not deliver *it*?" says the LORD; "or will I who deliver, close *the womb*?" says your God.
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**A fetus is called a child before birth. Jesus was Jesus while in the womb**

- **Matthew 2:1-2 HCSB** After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod, wise men from the east arrived unexpectedly in Jerusalem, **2** saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."
- **Matthew 1:23 HCSB** See, the virgin will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they will name Him Immanuel, which is translated "God is with us."

**John was filled with the Holy Spirit while in the womb; therefore, John was a living person in the womb.**

- **Luke 1:15 HCSB** For he will be great in the sight of the Lord and will never drink wine or beer. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit while still in his mother's womb.

**The babe leaped for joy in Elizabeth's womb; therefore, the fetus was a living person capable of hearing, experiencing joy, and displaying joy**

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**Life begins at conception.**

- **Psalms 51:5 HCSB** Indeed, I was guilty *when I was born*; I was sinful when my mother conceived me.
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- **Jeremiah 1:5 HCSB** I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations.

**God has a plan and purpose for every conception.**

- **Genesis 1:26 HCSB** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the animals, all the earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth."
- **Jeremiah 1:5 HCSB** I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations.
- **Jeremiah 29:11 HCSB** For I know the plans I have for you"--*this is* the LORD's declaration-- "plans for *your* welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.
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- **Proverbs 16:9 HCSB** A man's heart plans his way, but the LORD determines his steps.  
**Matthew 10:29-31 HCSB** **Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's consent. 30 But even the hairs of your head have all been counted. 31 Don't be afraid therefore; you are worth more than many sparrows.**

**God's view of "a woman's right to choose."**

- **1 Corinthians 6:12-13 HCSB** "Everything is permissible for me," but not everything is helpful. "Everything is permissible for me," but I will not be brought under the control of anything. **13** "Foods for the stomach and the stomach for foods," but God will do away with both of them. The body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

- [1 Corinthians 6:19-20 HCSB](#) Do you not know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, [20](#) for you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body.
- [1 Corinthians 3:16-17 HCSB](#) Don't you know that you are God's sanctuary and that the Spirit of God lives in you? [17](#) If anyone ruins God's sanctuary, God will ruin him; for God's sanctuary is holy, and that is what you are.

### **The morality of abortion.**

- [Genesis 9:5 HCSB](#) I will require the life of every animal and every man for your life and your blood. I will require the life of each man's brother for a man's life.
- [Proverbs 24:11-12 HCSB](#) Rescue those being taken off to death, and save those stumbling toward slaughter. [12](#) If you say, "But we didn't know about this," won't He who weighs hearts consider it? Won't He who protects your life know? Won't He repay a person according to his work?
- [Exodus 21:22-23 HCSB](#) "When men get in a fight, and hit a pregnant woman so that her children are born *prematurely*, but there is no injury, the one who hit her must be fined as the woman's husband demands from him, and he must pay according to judicial assessment. [23](#) If there is an injury, then you must give life for life,
- [Exodus 20:13 HCSB](#) Do not murder.

### **Can God forgive those who have had an abortion?**

- [Isaiah 1:18 HCSB](#) "Come, let us discuss this," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.
- [1 John 1:9 HCSB](#) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- [Ephesians 3:18 HCSB](#) may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length and width, height and depth *of God's love*,