

# A Tear-Drop Baby



The Truth About  
Abortion

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## **Introduction**

I want to begin by saying that I have a great deal of compassion for those women that actually had an abortion. I am sure it was a hard decision that was aggressively influenced by the political left and the feminist's movement of the 1970s. I know several who now regret their decision and suffer even to this day with shame and guilt because of their decision.

Anti-abortionists showed a *Tear-Drop Baby*, displayed on the cover of this eBook, in the 1970s. It was an aborted baby anywhere from 6-10 weeks old. Today it is one of more than 58,000,000, that's 58-Million, that have been destroyed in their mother's womb since the Supreme Court of the United States ruled on the *Roe V Wade* case and the subsequent legalization of abortion..

## **The History of Roe V Wade**

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Casey Mattox of Alliance For Defending Freedom, Faith And Justice tells us how it all started.

There is a 46-year-old woman, born in Texas, who should be dead right now. In fact, she should have never been born. Forty-three years ago, the Supreme Court decided that the Texas law that prevented Jane Roe from ending the life of her unborn daughter was unconstitutional. But by the time the Supreme Court issued its decision in 1973, she had already been born and adopted by a

family—likely not knowing that all that ink spilled in *Roe v. Wade* was about her.

Norma Mc Corvey is “Jane Roe.” She claimed then that her pregnancy was the result of a rape, although for over a decade now she has been outspokenly pro-life and publicly admitted that this, and virtually every fact on which her case was built, was a lie. Both Mc Corvey and Sandra Cano, the Doe of Doe v. Bolton—*Roe*’s companion case from Georgia decided the same day—are now outspoken pro-life advocates who have sworn that their cases are built on lies (Cano unfortunately passed away in October 2014).

But before the Supreme Court could decide whether Mc Corvey did have a constitutional right to end her unborn daughter’s life, it had to overcome a procedural obstacle that slowed down the process—a delay that factored into whether her daughter would ever have a family.

Because of that delay, Mc Corvey had already had the child by the time the Supreme Court issued its decision in January 1973. She had been adopted into a Texas home, perhaps somewhere in the Dallas area where Mc Corvey lived. The court nevertheless said that Mc Corvey’s case was not moot since her circumstances were “capable of repetition” because courts would never be able to decide the question during the time of a woman’s pregnancy.

Procedural history is never the exciting part of a lawsuit. But for Mc Corvey’s unborn daughter, the dry complexity of legal procedure is the reason she exists today. Fortunately for a three-year old girl, “the wheels of justice grind slowly,” and by the time the court issued its decision, a Texas family had adopted her. If the courts could have moved more quickly, she (and her family) would have never had that chance.

It is unknown to me whether the adoptive family ever even knew that their daughter was the supposedly unwanted child who was the subject of *Roe*. As far as we know, they raised her not knowing who she was and certainly never telling her.

This week many are talking about the more than 58-million people whose lives have been brutally ended by abortion, and rightly so. The numbers are staggering. Imagine the average attendance at every NFL, NBA, and NHL

game – gone. Eliminated. The population of the 18 states in the area from Arkansas and Wisconsin in the East to Idaho and Nevada in the west: gone, more than either the Hispanic or the African American population of the U.S.

It's horrific. But it's also personal. And today somewhere, maybe still in Texas, there lives a 46-year-old woman, perhaps with a family and a career of her own, with beautiful children that she loves dearly. Perhaps with a husband and family that can't imagine life without her. The 58 million other babies deserved that same chance at life. Like Mc Corvey's daughter, they were all created in the image of a loving God and would have been loved and wanted by someone. That's why we fight. That's Why We March.

## More Details From Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia

***Roe v. Wade***, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), is a landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court on the issue of abortion. It was decided simultaneously with a companion case, *Doe v. Bolton*. The Court ruled 7–2 that a right to privacy under the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment extended to a woman's decision to have an abortion, but that this right must be balanced against the state's two legitimate interests in regulating abortions: protecting women's health and protecting the potentiality of human life. Arguing that these state interests became stronger over the course of a pregnancy, the Court resolved this balancing test by tying state regulation of abortion to the third trimester of pregnancy.

Later, in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992), the Court rejected *Roe*'s trimester framework while affirming its central holding that a woman has a right to abortion until fetal viability. The *Roe* decision defined "viable" as "potentially able to live outside the mother's womb, albeit with artificial aid." Justices in *Casey* acknowledged that viability may occur at 23 or 24 weeks, or sometimes even earlier, in light of medical advances.

In disallowing many state and federal restrictions on abortion in the United States, *Roe v. Wade* prompted a national debate that continues today about issues including whether, and to what extent, abortion should be legal, who should decide the legality of abortion, what methods the Supreme Court

should use in constitutional adjudication, and what the role should be of religious and moral views in the political sphere. *Roe v. Wade* reshaped national politics, dividing much of the United States into pro-choice and pro-life camps, while activating grassroots movements on both sides.

## A Woman's Right

Does the Constitution embrace a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy by abortion? The Court held that a woman's right to an abortion fell within the right to privacy (recognized in *Griswold v. Connecticut*) protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. The decision gave a woman total autonomy over the pregnancy during the first trimester and defined different levels of state interest for the second and third trimesters. As a result, the laws of 46 states were affected by the Court's ruling. It was a shame to see the highest court in the land cave in to political pressure.

## Pro-Choice Is Pro Death

Pro-Choice, as defined by dictionary.com, is the supporting or advocating of legalized abortion. Here's what it does:

1. It grants women the right to kill their unborn baby without being prosecuted by the law.
2. It authorizes murder under the guise of good health.
3. It hides the true reality of what is about to take place.
4. It legalizes immorality by placing abortion under constitutional rights for women.
5. It encourages birth control by destroying life before it is born.
6. It prevents future generations from emerging naturally through the birth channel of pregnancy.

These folks boast about being all about "Choice". They openly say that a woman should have absolute rule over her own body and health. They never say, "right to kill their unborn." They do not view a fetus as alive in the 1<sup>st</sup> trimester. Pro-life advocates disagree. They say that life begins at conception.

## **Pro-Life Is Biblical**

Pro-Life means just that, for life and against death. We support life because we know that Life is fashioned by God and to destroy it in its development stages is a sin. **Genesis 1:26** tells us, “And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

Note that the Biblical record says man was created with a purpose, to be the image and likeness of God in the earth and to have dominion or to rule over it. When a woman kills her unborn, she kills the potential of God’s image and likeness and steals the divine destiny of her unborn to one-day rule. This is why abortion is so tragically wrong and so evil.

Being anti-abortion is being a friend to God and in support of His agenda. He says life should be respected and protected at all cost. Abortion is an evil act meant to subvert the will of God and destroy the divine destiny of man.

### **May 2016 Guttmacher Institute Abortion Facts**

These statistics come from the Guttmacher Institute. I thought it necessary to report all the info so you can see the total picture.

- Nearly half of pregnancies among American women in 2011 were unintended, and about four in 10 of these were terminated by abortion.
- Twenty-one percent of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) in 2011 ended in abortion.
- In 2011, approximately 1.06 million abortions were performed, down 13% from 1.21 million in 2008. From 1973 through 2011, nearly 53 million legal abortions occurred.
- The abortion rate in 2011 was 16.9 per 1,000 women aged 15–44, down 13% from 19.4 per 1,000 in 2008. This is the lowest rate observed since abortion became legal in the United States in 1973.

- In 2011, 1.7% of women aged 15–44 had an abortion. Half of these women had had at least one previous abortion.
- At 2008 abortion rates, almost one in 10 women will have an abortion by age 20, one in four by age 30 and three in 10 by age 45

## **WHO HAS ABORTIONS?**

- Twelve percent of U.S. abortion patients in 2014 were teenagers: Those aged 18–19 accounted for 8% of all abortions, 15–17-year-olds for 3% and teenagers younger than 15 for 0.2%.
- More than half of all abortion patients in 2014 were in their 20s: Patients aged 20–24 obtained 34% of all abortions, and patients aged 25–29 obtained 27%.
- White patients accounted for 39% of abortion procedures in 2014, blacks for 28%, Hispanics for 25% and patients of other races and ethnicities for 9%.
- Seventeen percent of abortion patients in 2014 identified as mainline Protestant, 13% as evangelical Protestant and 24% as Catholic; 38% reported no religious affiliation.
- In 2014, some 46% of all abortion patients had never married and were not cohabiting.
- Fifty-nine percent of abortions in 2014 were obtained by patients who had had at least one previous birth.
- Forty-nine percent of abortion patients in 2014 had incomes of less than 100% of the federal poverty level (\$11,670 for a single adult with no children).
- Twenty-six percent of abortion patients in 2014 had incomes of 100–199% of the federal poverty level.
- The reasons patients gave for having an abortion underscored their understanding of the responsibilities of parenthood and family life. The three most common reasons—each cited by three-fourths of patients—were:
  1. concern for or responsibility to other individuals;
  2. the inability to afford a child;
  3. the belief that having a baby would interfere with work, school or the ability to care for dependents.

Half said they did not want to be a single parent or were having problems with their husband or partner.

- Fifty-one percent of abortion patients had used a contraceptive method in the month they got pregnant, most commonly condoms (27%) or a hormonal method (17%).

## **PROVIDERS AND SERVICES**

- The number of U.S. abortion providers declined 4% between 2008 and 2011 (from 1,793 to 1,720). The number of clinics providing abortion services declined 1% over this period (from 851 to 839). Eighty-nine percent of all U.S. counties lacked an abortion clinic in 2011, and 38% of women of reproductive age lived in those counties.
- Forty-six percent of abortion providers offer very early abortions (before the first missed period), and 95% offer abortion at eight weeks from the last menstrual period. Sixty-one percent of providers offer at least some second-trimester abortion services (at 13 weeks or later), and 34% offer abortion at 20 weeks. Only 16% of all abortion providers perform the procedure at 24 weeks.
- In 2011–2012, the average amount paid for a nonhospital abortion with local anesthesia at 10 weeks' gestation was \$480. The average paid for an early medication abortion before 10 weeks was \$504.
- Eighty-four percent of clinics reported at least one form of antiabortion harassment in 2011. Picketing was the most common form of harassment (80%), followed by phone calls (47%). Fifty-three percent of clinics were picketed 20 times or more in a year

## **EARLY MEDICATION ABORTION**

- In September 2000, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved mifepristone to be marketed in the United States as an alternative to surgical abortion.
- In March 2016, the Food and Drug Administration updated the mifepristone label to reflect the scientifically proven regimen that was already being used by most health care providers. The new regimen allows patients to take lower doses and make fewer provider visits, and also allows for medication abortion up to 10 weeks' gestation.

- In 2011, some 59% of abortion providers—1,023 facilities—provided one or more early medication abortions. At least 17% of providers offered only early medication abortion services.
- Medication abortion accounted for 23% of all nonhospital abortions in 2011, and for 36% of abortions before nine weeks' gestation.
- Early medication abortions increased from 6% of all abortions in 2001 to 23% in 2011, even while the overall number of abortions continued to decline. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention show that the average time of abortion has shifted earlier within the first trimester; this is likely due, in part, to the availability of medication abortion services.

## **SAFETY OF ABORTION**

- A first-trimester abortion is one of the safest medical procedures and carries minimal risk—less than 0.05%—of major complications that might need hospital care.
- Abortions performed in the first trimester pose virtually no long-term risk of problems such as infertility, ectopic pregnancy, spontaneous abortion (miscarriage) or birth defect, and little or no risk of preterm or low-birth-weight deliveries.
- Exhaustive reviews by panels convened by the U.S. and UK governments have concluded that there is no association between abortion and breast cancer. There is also no indication that abortion is a risk factor for other cancers.
- Leading experts have concluded that among women who have an unplanned pregnancy, the risk of mental health problems is no greater if they have a single first-trimester abortion than if they carry the pregnancy to term.
- The risk of death associated with abortion increases with the length of pregnancy, from 0.3 for every 100,000 abortions at or before eight weeks to 6.7 per 100,000 at 18 weeks or later.

## **INSURANCE COVERAGE AND PAYMENT**

- Most abortion patients had health insurance in 2014. Thirty-five percent reported that they had Medicaid coverage, while 31% had private insurance.

However, insurance does not necessarily cover abortion services, and even if it does, patients may not use their coverage for a variety of reasons (e.g., because they do not know their plan covers it, they are concerned about confidentiality or their provider does not accept their plan).

- Overall, 53% of abortion patients paid out of pocket for their procedure in 2014.
- Medicaid was the second-most-common method of payment, reported by 24% of abortion patients. The overwhelming majority of these patients live in the few states that allow state funds to be used to pay for abortion.
- Fifteen percent of patients used private insurance to pay for the procedure. Most patients with private insurance (61%) paid out of pocket.
- In 2004, 58% of abortion patients said they would have liked to have had their abortion earlier in the pregnancy. Nearly 60% of women who experienced a delay in obtaining an abortion cited the time it took to make arrangements and raise money.

## LAW AND POLICY

- Congress has barred the use of federal Medicaid funds to pay for abortions, except when the woman's life would be endangered or in cases of rape or incest. States can fund abortion with state dollars, and about one-third of states do so voluntarily or by court order.
- As of April 1, 2016, at least half of the states have imposed excessive and unnecessary regulations on abortion clinics, mandated counseling designed to dissuade a woman from obtaining an abortion, required a waiting period before an abortion, required parental involvement before a minor obtains an abortion or prohibited the use of state Medicaid funds to pay for medically necessary abortions.[15, 16, 17, 18]
- In 2000, a total of 13 states had at least four types of major abortion restrictions and so were considered hostile to abortion rights;[19] by 2015, this category included 27 states. The proportion of women of reproductive age living in hostile states rose from 31% to 56% during this time period.
- In contrast, the number of states that were supportive of abortion rights fell from 17 to 12 between 2000 and 2015. The proportion of women of reproductive age living in supportive states declined from 40% to 30% over this period.

## Know, Learn & Share The FACTS About Life

Be sure you and your loved ones are making informed decisions. Education is critical, in fact **94% of women regret their decision to abort**. Learn, get help, support the healing of women & help change hearts! Here's some facts from ProLife Across America.

### 1 day to 7 weeks

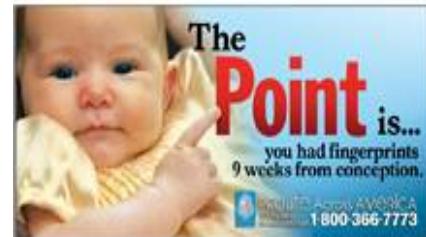
- A new individual receives 23 chromosomes from each parent. He or she is truly a unique individual human being, never to be repeated. A new person has been created, who at this stage is a tiny living organism weighing only 15 ten-millionth of a gram. **Life begins**.
- First day of new life: The first cell divides into two, the two into four, and so on. Each of these new cells divides again and again as they travel toward the womb in search of a protected place to grow.
- **18 days from conception, heart begins to beat**, with the baby's own blood.
- 28 days from conception **a baby has eyes, ears, and even a tongue!**
- 28 days from conception: Muscles are developing along the future spine. Arms and legs are budding.
- 30 days: Child has grown 10,000 times to 6-7mm (1/4") long. Brain has human proportions. Blood flows in veins.
- 42 days: Skeleton is formed. Brain coordinates movement of muscles and organs. Reflex responses have begun.
- 42 days: Brain waves can be detected; the jaw forms, including teeth and taste buds. The unborn baby begins to swallow amniotic fluid.  
**Fingers and toes are developing.**
- 45 days from conception: The **unborn baby is making body movements**, a full 12 weeks before the mother may notice such stirrings. By seven weeks the chest and abdomen are fully formed. Swimming with a natural swimmer's stroke in the amniotic fluid, the baby now looks like a miniature human infant.
- 44-45 days: Buds of milk teeth appear, and the unborn baby's facial muscles develop. Eyelids begin to form, protecting the developing



- eyes. Elbows take shape. Internal organs are present, but immature. 99% of muscles are present, each with its own nerve supply.
- 52 Days: Spontaneous movement begins. The unborn baby then develops a whole collection of moves over the next 4 weeks including **hiccuping, frowning, squinting, furrowing the brow**, pursing the lips, moving individual arms and legs, head turning, touching his/her face, breathing (without air), stretching, opening the mouth, yawning and sucking.

## 8 – 10 weeks

- 8 Weeks: Now a small-scale baby, at approximately 3 cm (1 1/8") and weighing a gram (1/30gth oz.), yet well proportioned. **Every organ is present.** Baby's heartbeat is steady. Stomach produces digestive juices. Liver makes blood cells. Kidneys begin to function. Taste buds are forming.
- 8 ½ Weeks: **The unborn baby's fingerprints are being engraved.** Eyelids and palms of hands are sensitive to touch.
- 8- 8 ½ Weeks: Of the 4500 structures in the adult body, 4000 are now present in the unborn baby. The skeleton of the arms and legs and the spine begins to stiffen as bone cells are added.
- 9 Weeks from conception: The unborn baby will bend fingers around an object placed in his/her palm. Unique fingerprints appear. **Thumb sucking may occur.**
- **10 Weeks:** **The unborn baby's body is sensitive to touch.** He/she squints, swallows, puckers up brow and frowns. Eyelids, fingerprints and even fingernails are evident.



## 11 weeks

- 11 Weeks: The unborn now “practices” breathing, since he/she will have to breathe air immediately after birth. Baby urinates, and stomach muscles can now contract. Vocal chords and taste buds form. Facial expressions and even **smiles are evident.**

## 12-17 weeks

- 12 Weeks: Though too small to be felt by the mother, the baby reaches peak frequency of movement during the third month. The baby's sex can be visually determined, and the child's eyes, ears and

face begin to display distinctive characteristics. **He/she can kick, turn feet, curl and fan toes, make a fist, move thumbs, bend wrists, turn head, open mouth and press lips tightly together.**

- 12 Weeks: The unborn baby is now about 3 inches long, weighing approximately 2 ounces. Fine hair begins to grow on his/her upper lip, chin and eyebrows. The baby swallows and responds to skin stimulations.
- 13 Weeks: The unborn baby is about 3 inches long, weighing approximately 3 ounces. His/her **facial expressions may resemble the parents.** The baby is active, but baby is too small for mother to feel anything.
- 14 Weeks from conception: At this age, the heart pumps several quarts of blood through the body every day. The unborn baby's eyebrows have formed and eye movement can be detected.
- 15 Weeks: In the growth development of the unborn baby, a wild production of nerve cells begins and continues for a month. A second surge will occur at 25 weeks. By now the baby also has an adult's taste buds.
- 4 Months: The unborn baby is now only 5 ½ inches long, weighing approximately 5 ounces. He/she is **actively moving about inside the safety of the womb.** The baby turns, kicks and even somersaults – some of which can now be felt by the mother.
- 4 Months: Bone marrow is now beginning to form and the unborn baby's heart is pumping 25 quarts of blood a day.



## 18-19 weeks

- 4 1/2 Months from conception: Still very small (less than 8 inches in length), **the baby can have dream (REM) sleep.** Nostrils and toenails become visible.
- 4 1/2 Months: The unborn baby's ears are functioning by the end of the 4th month and **he/she hears the mother's heartbeat,** as well as external noises like music. The baby is also able to



- experience pain. Life-saving surgery has been successfully performed on babies at this age.
- 18-20 Weeks: The baby has grown in size approximately  $7 \frac{1}{2}$  inches long and 14 ounces in weight. **His/her movements can now be felt by the mother**, including the baby's hiccups.

## 20 – 26 weeks

- 5 Months: Each side of the brain now has a billion nerve cells. If a sound is especially loud, the unborn baby may jump in reaction to it. **Thumb-sucking has been observed during the 5th**
- 5-6 Months: The unborn baby practices breathing by inhaling amniotic fluid into its developing lungs. The baby will increase seven times in weight and nearly double in height.
- 6 Months from conception: Fine hair grows on eyebrows and head. Eyelash fringe appears. The unborn baby's weight is about 640g (22 oz.), height 23cm (9"). **Babies born at this age have survived.**

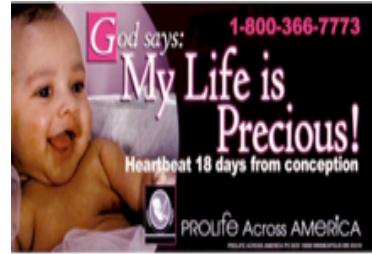
## 27-32 weeks

- 25-28 Weeks from conception: **The unborn baby can recognize his/her mother's voice.** The baby is using four of the five senses (vision, hearing, taste, and touch), opens and closes his eyes, and knows the difference between waking and sleeping, and can relate to the moods of the mother.
- 8 Months: The unborn baby's skin becomes pink and smooth. The pupils of the eye respond to light.
- 8 Months: The unborn baby's weight increases by 1 kg. (over two pounds) and his/her living quarters inside the mother's womb are becoming cramped.
- 8 Months: The unborn baby's fingernails reach to the tip of the finger. The skin begins to thicken, with a layer of fat stored underneath for insulation and nourishment.
- 8 Months from conception: The unborn baby swallows a gallon of amniotic fluid each day and often hiccups. Though movement is limited, due to the cramped quarters the baby's kicks are stronger, and mother may be able to feel an elbow or heel against her abdomen.



## 33+ weeks

- 9 Months (33-40 Weeks) from conception: The baby gains about one-half pound per week as she/he prepares for birth. The bones in the child's head are soft and flexible to more easily mold for the journey down the birth canal.
- 9 Months (33-40 Weeks): The unborn baby triggers labor and birth occurs, an average of 264-270 days after conception. Of the 45 generations of cell divisions before adulthood, 41 have already taken place. Only four more come before adolescence. Ninety percent of a person's development happens in the womb.



- Abortion fact: The United States Supreme Court ruling of January 22, 1973, (Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs Bolton) struck down the laws in all 50 states, allowing abortion – for any reason – up to the moment of live birth. The father of the child, even if he is married to the mother, has no legal right to prevent the abortion.
- Abortion fact: Abortion is legal in America through all nine months of pregnancy. Over 1.3 million legal abortions occur in America each year. A sad irony: **over two million couples wait to adopt – and that includes children of all races and those with special needs.**

### Any Textbook Will Confirm What Every Doctor Knows

### LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION

PROLIFE Across AMERICA billboards highlighting these facts may be the only opportunity to reach someone on the brink of an abortion. Share these facts, educate others and support the work of PROLIFE Across AMERICA. They need your help to continue saving babies lives!

# What Does The Bible Say?

GotQuestions.org

The Bible never specifically addresses the issue of abortion. However, there are numerous teachings in Scripture that make it abundantly clear what God's view of abortion is.

1. **Jeremiah 1:5** tells us that God knows us before He forms us in the womb. Psalm 139:13-16 speaks of God's active role in our creation and formation in the womb.
2. **Exodus 21:22-25** prescribes the same penalty—death—for someone who causes the death of a baby in the womb as for someone who commits murder. This clearly indicates that God considers a baby in the womb to be as human as a full-grown adult. For the Christian, abortion is not a matter of a woman's right to choose.
3. **Genesis 1:26-27; 9:6** It is a matter of the life or death of a human being made in God's image

The first argument that always arises against the Christian 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? 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 its own, or its mother could raise the child. Again, the baby is completely innocent and should not be punished for the evil acts of its father.

The second argument that usually arises against the Christian stance on abortion is "*What about when the life of the mother is at risk?*" Honestly, this is the most difficult question to answer on the issue of abortion.

First, let's remember that this situation 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.

Second, let's remember that God is a God of miracles. He can preserve the life of a mother and a child despite all the medical odds being against it. Ultimately, though, this question can only be decided between a husband, wife, and God. Any couple facing this extremely difficult situation should pray to the Lord for wisdom (**James 1:5**) as to what He would have them to do.

Over 95 percent of the abortions performed today involve women who simply do not want to have a baby. Less than 5 percent of abortions are for the reasons of rape, incest, or the mother's health at risk. Even in the more difficult 5 percent of instances, abortion should never be the first option. The life of a human being in the womb is worth every effort to allow the child to be born.

For those who have had an abortion, remember that the sin of abortion is no less forgivable than any other sin. Through faith in Christ, all sins can be forgiven (**John 3:16; Romans 8:1; Colossians 1:14**). A woman who has had an abortion, a man who has encouraged an abortion, or even a doctor who has performed one—can all be forgiven by faith in Jesus Christ.

## Conclusion

God speaks very clearly in the Bible on the value of unborn child. God's Word says that He personally made each one of us, and has a plan for every life. I will summarize for you so there can be no mistake. (Excerpts from ChristianAnswer.net)

- Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart. —**Jeremiah 1:5**
- Even before I was born, God had chosen me to be His. — **Galatians 1:15**
- For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb... Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be. —**Psalm 139:13, 16**
- Your hands shaped me and made me... Did You not clothe me with skin and flesh and knit me together with bones and sinews? You gave me life. —**Job 10:8-12**

- This is what the Lord says—He who made you, who formed you in the womb —**Isaiah 44:2**
- Did not He who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same One form us both within our mothers? —**Job 31:15**
- Because man is made in God's own image (**Genesis 1:27**), each life is of great value to God: Children are a gift from God. —**Psalm 127:3**
- He even calls our children His own: You took your sons and daughters whom you bore to Me and sacrificed them... You slaughtered My children. —**Ezekiel 16:20,21**
- The Bible says of our Creator, In His hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being —**Job 12:10**
- God, the giver of life, commands us not to take the life of an innocent person: Do not shed innocent blood. —**Jeremiah 7:6**
- Cursed is the man who accepts a bribe to kill an innocent person —**Deuteronomy 27:25**
- You shall not murder. —**Exodus 20:13**
- Taking the life of the unborn is clearly murder— He didn't kill me in the womb, with my mother as my grave. —**Jeremiah 20:17**
- And God vowed to punish those who... ripped open the women with child —**Amos 1:13**
- The unborn child was granted equal protection in the law; if he lost his life, the one who caused his death must lose his own life:
- If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman, and she gives birth prematurely, but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined ...if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life. —**Exodus 21:22,23**
- Life is a gift created by God, and is not to be taken away by abortion. God is “pro-choice,” but He tells us clearly the only acceptable choice to make:
- I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live—**Deuteronomy 30:19**