

Title: Overcoming the Evil of Abortion

Thesis: Christians must not seek to overcome the evil of abortion with evil but rather they are to seek to overcome it with good words and actions.

Intro: As Christians, How should we seek to overcome the evil of abortion?

- I. Doctrine #1: A Christian must not be indifferent to evil.
  - A. Mt 22:34 But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. [35] Then one of them, a lawyer, asked *Him a question*, testing Him, and saying, [36] Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law? [37] Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. [40] On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
  - B. LK 10:25-37 The Illustration of the "Good Samaritan"
  - C. Love for God and love for neighbor demands that we not be indifferent to evil.
  
- II. Doctrine #2: A Christian must view abortion as evil.
  - A. EX 20:13 Thou shalt not kill.
  
  - B. According to the Bible abortion is an act of murder in the eyes of almighty God. (For proof texts see "Is Abortion Murder" Sermon)
    1. The Bible teaches that the unlawful taking of the life of an innocent person is murder.
    2. The Bible teaches that life and personhood begin in the womb at conception.
    3. The Bible teaches that a child in the womb is not guilty of the action that caused its conception and thus is an innocent life.
    4. The Bible teaches that taking the life of an innocent person inside the womb is equivalent to taking the life of an innocent person outside of the womb.
    5. Since murder is the unlawful taking of the life of an innocent person, and abortion is the unlawful taking of the life of an innocent person, abortion is murder. This conclusion is a good and necessary logical consequence of the four premises above.

- III. Doctrine #3 A Christian must only seek to overcome evil with good.
  - A. Rom 12:17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.... [21] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
  - B. When we fight evil with evil we have already lost.
  - C. We must battle evil in a principled not a pragmatic way.
  
- IV. How to overcome the evil of abortion:
  - A. Good words.
    - 1. Speaking the truth about abortion in love.
    - 2. Speaking to pro-choice proponents in a respectful way.
    - 3. Speaking to those in a crisis pregnancy in a compassionate way.
  - B. Good actions.
    - 1. Forgiveness for repentant unwed parents.
    - 2. Care for unwed parents.
    - 3. Care for those in a crisis pregnancy.
    - 4. Adoption of children.
    - 5. Voting only for pro-life candidates.
    - 6. Petitioning legislators to outlaw abortion.
    - 7. Volunteering to serve in pro-life causes.
    - 8. Funding pro-life organizations, initiatives, etc.

Conclusion: Christians must not seek to overcome the evil of abortion with evil but rather they are to seek to overcome it with good words and actions.