

FOUR QUESTIONS  
Showing How God is Glorified In Life According to the Bible

**The four questions:**

1. What does God say about human life, including life in the womb?
2. What does God say about the shedding of innocent blood, including abortion?
3. What hope is there for experiencing God's forgiveness for shedding innocent blood?
4. What does God call us to do to stop the shedding of innocent blood?

**1. What does God say about human life, including life in the womb?**

God is life:

- “Whoever finds me finds *life*” (Pr 8:35).
- “He is the breath of *life*” (Gn 2:7).
- “He is your *life*” (Dt 30:20).

God gives life:

- “In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind” (Jb 12:10).

God cherishes life:

- He is the upholder of life (Ps 54:4).
- He is the preserver of life (Gn 45:5).
- He is the restorer of life (Ru 4:15).
- He is the light of life (Jb 33:30).
- He is the keeper of life (Ps 121:7).
- He is the fountain of life (Pr 14:27).
- He is the redeemer of life (Ps 72:14).

God wants us to look to him for life:

- “Pursuing him is the path of life” (Ps 16:11).
- “Fearing him prolongs life” (Pr 10:27).

God wants us to ask him for life:

- “Give me life according to your word!” (Ps 119:25).
- “Give me life according to your promise!” (Ps 119:154).
- “Give me life according to your rules” (Ps 119:156).
- “Give me life according to your steadfast love” (Ps 119:159).

The gift of Christ is the gift of life. He is...

- The message of *life* (Ac 5:20).
- The words of *life* (Jn 6:68).
- The light of *life* (Jn 8:12).
- The gift of new *life* (Jn 5:21).
- The abundance of *life* (Jn 10:10).
- Everlasting *life* (Jn 3:16).

To love God is to love life. To be for Christ is to be for life.

“For we are to God the pleasing *aroma of Christ* among those who are being saved...an *aroma that brings life*.” (2 Co 2:16)

### **What does God *value* the most in all of his creation?**

He values human life: people — mankind — individually and altogether.

“You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.” (Pm 8:5)

“You are of *more value* than many sparrows.” (Mt 10:31)

### **Why does God value human life more than all else in his creation?**

Because he made people — men and women, in equal measure, in his own image.

“God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.” (Gn 1:27)

### **What is the first implication of this truth?**

To demean or destroy human life, by words or actions, is to trample down the image of God.

“The tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness...with it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people *who are made in the likeness of God*” (Jm 3:6-9).

### **How else does God express his preeminent love of human life among all his creation?**

By referring to the preciousness of their blood, as in Ps 72:14. “Precious is their blood in his sight.” Blood stands for life. “For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life.” (Lv 17:13-14). “Shedding innocent blood” is a common biblical way of speaking about murder, the unjust destruction of human life.

### **How does God protect what he loves?**

Negatively, God commands us not to shed innocent blood.

“You shall not murder.” (Ex 20:13)

Positively, God commands us to love our neighbor.

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.” (Nm 19:18)

Obedying these commands means being careful to do no harm and to prevent harm to others.

“When you build a new house, you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring the guilt of blood upon your house, if anyone should fall from it.” (Dt 22:8).

### **Doesn't Dt 30:19 give us a choice?**

No. We are able to reject God's moral will, but we are not free to defy him. He does not say, “Choose life or death.” He commands, “Choose life.”

“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live.” (Dt 30:19).

## What about life in the womb? Does God see us as precious children, even in the womb?

Yes, God sees children as children, whether in the womb or in a bed.

(1) In the Old Testament, “child” refers to both the preborn and the newborn child, for example:

“The *children* struggled together within her.” (Gn 25:22)

In the New Testament, “baby” is also used for children inside and outside the womb.

“When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the *baby* leaped in her womb.” (Lk 1:41)

“They...found Mary and Joseph, and the *baby* lying in a manger.” (Lk 2:16)

(2) David saw his life as a person in the womb.

“You formed *my* inward parts; you knitted *me* together in *my* mother's womb.” (Ps 139:13).

See for yourself what you looked like in the womb at [www.ehd.org](http://www.ehd.org). You will praise God.

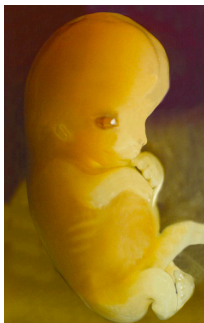
(3) Personhood begins at fertilization. The *person*, Cain, was both conceived and born.

“Now Adam knew Eve his wife; and she *conceived*, and *bore* Cain.” (Gn 4:1)

(4) The *person*, John the Baptist, worshipped the *fully human* Son of God from womb to womb.

“When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb... and she exclaimed, “...blessed is the fruit of your womb! ...For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb *leaped for joy*.” (Lk 1:40-44)

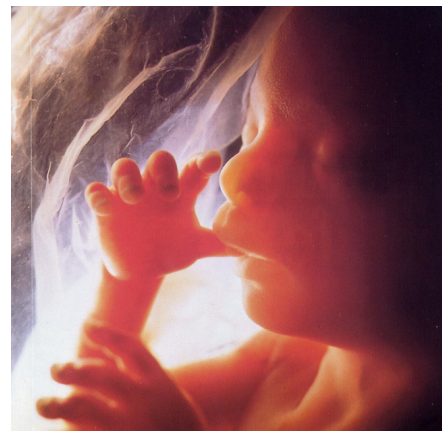
(5) The person, Jesus, was developmentally, a zygote (just a few days or perhaps a week old) when John worshipped him from the womb. How do we know this? After the Holy Spirit came upon Mary, she went “with haste” to visit Elizabeth (Lk 1:39). Depending on her travel speed, Jesus was a few days or perhaps a week old when the pregnant Mary met the pregnant Elizabeth and the preborn baby, John the Baptist, rejoiced to be in the presence of the fully God, fully human, preborn Savior. See life in the womb at: [www.ehd.org](http://www.ehd.org).



8 weeks



11 weeks



14 weeks

## 2. What does God say about the shedding of innocent blood, including abortion?

(1) God hears the blood cries of those who suffer violence. He hears it as a cry for deliverance, justice and vindication.

“What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. And now you are cursed...” (Gn 4:10-11)

(2) God brings wrath and judgment on those who shed innocent blood.

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: You city that brings on herself doom by shedding blood in her midst...you have become guilty because of the blood you have shed.” (Ez 22:3)

(3) God brings wrath on his own people if they shed innocent blood.

“The Lord sent... Chaldeans ...against Judah to destroy it...Surely this came upon Judah at the command of the Lord, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he had done, and also for the innocent blood that he had shed. For he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood and the Lord would not pardon.” (2 Ki 24:2-4)

(4) God holds us guilty if we fail to stop the shedding of innocent blood.

“The elders...shall testify, ‘Our hands did not shed this blood, *nor did our eyes see it shed*... So you shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from your midst, when you do what is right in the sight of the Lord.” (Dt 21:6-9)

(5) Blood-guilt makes our prayers worthless, until they are prayers of repentance.

“When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves... remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes...cease to do evil... seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. (Is 1:15-17)

(6) God will judge those in the Christian community who shed innocent blood or support it.

“You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the innocent one, who was not opposing you.” (Jm 5:5-6)

### Does God look at abortion as the shedding of innocent blood?

Yes. When you look at abortion you will agree. God forbids abortion by forbidding murder; the unjust taking of human life and then confirming that God sees the pre-born child as human life. Abortion is the shedding of innocent blood of a pre-born human being, made by God, in his image, for his glory. **Warning: The last page contains painfully graphic pictures of abortion.**

But they are so small! True. Embryos are smaller than toddlers, who are smaller than teenagers. Personhood is not defined by size. Otherwise men, generally larger than women, should have more human rights than women.

But they are in the womb! Your location has no bearing on your value as a person. You are not less human in your house than on the sidewalk. Moving eight inches down the birth canal does not change a preborn baby from non-human to human. If the preborn child is not already human, merely changing their location cannot make them valuable.

But they are not self-aware! True. Toddlers are also less cognitively developed than teenagers. People in surgery do not have self-awareness. That does not mean I have a right to cut their throat while they are in surgery.

But they are still dependent. All babies, young children, even teenagers are dependent on others. The old and the sick are dependent. Those who are dependent on insulin do not lose their right to life. God says that dependent people are to be cared for, not killed.

### **What else does the Bible teach about children?**

(1) Among all forms of innocent human life, God especially cherishes children.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. (Mt 18:5-6)

God wants us to receive or welcome children as a treasure and worthy of our protection.

Elective abortion is rejecting what God is asking us to receive.

(2) Because he loves children, he is deeply offended by child-sacrifice.

“Any one of the people of Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death...and if the people of the land do at all close their eyes to that man when he gives one of his children to Molech...then I will set my face against that man and against his clan...and all who follow him in whoring after Molech.” (Lv 20:2-5)

“You took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to *me*, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your whorings so small a matter that you slaughtered *my* children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them?” (Ez 16:20-21)

(3) Child-sacrifice is so offensive to God that he himself calls it unthinkable.

“They built the high places of Baal in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, though I did not command them, *nor did it enter into my mind*, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin. “ (Je 32:35)

### **Is abortion a form of child-sacrifice?**

When people elect to have or pay for an abortion (or let it go unchallenged) in order to save their reputation, get a college degree, save money, hide their sexual sin, or to please others, they are *sacrificing* their children in order to get or preserve something else. The most painful truth in confessing our regret over abortion is that we sacrificed our children for lesser things.

### **What about physically-forced abortion, as in China?**

The wicked can be so cruel as to kill preborn babies by force as well as newborn babies and toddlers (Ho 13:16). Falling prey to the wicked is an occasion for “weeping and loud lamentation” like the mothers of Bethlehem (Mt 2:18). Such things will happen, but woe to them that cause it: “I will not revoke [their] punishment, because they have ripped open pregnant women in Gilead” (Am 1:13). Weep and trust God for it.

### **3. What hope is there for experiencing God's forgiveness for shedding innocent blood?**

Our only hope is the hope of the gospel. On the cross, Christ shed his innocent blood to atone for (cover over) our sin of shedding innocent blood. By putting our faith in Christ, we experience God's forgiveness as joy in Christ and peace with God. We become a living testimony of the power and mercy of God. Putting your faith in Christ means that you:

- 1) Admit that God is just to be angry and right to condemn you for your sins.  
    "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
    Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
    so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment." (Ps 51:3-4)
- 2) Confess and grieve your sins and ask God to forgive you.  
    "For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. (Ps 25:11)  
    "Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret"(2 Cor 7:10)
- 3) Receive Christ's gift of suffering the wrath of God in your place, on the cross.  
    "But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
    he was crushed for our iniquities;  
    upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
    and with his wounds we are healed." (Isa 53:5)  
    "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
    according to the riches of his grace" (Eph 1:7).
- 4) Devote yourself to living by the word of God, relying on the power of His Spirit.  
    "For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace...If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." (Rom 8:5-11)

### **When we trust in Christ, what are we believing regarding our sins?**

1. We are trusting that Christ died for all our sins, including the iniquity of abortion.
2. We are trusting that Christ suffered the full punishment due for each of our sins, including the sin of abortion.

### **If the just wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23) , how can God be just to forgive us for our sins?**

God is just to graciously forgive us, who trust in Christ, because "Christ died for our sins" (1 Co 15:3). So all our sins were punished with death. It is never just to punish someone twice for the same crime. Therefore God is just to show us his rich mercy and we are right to rejoice in Christ. "If we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God." (Rm 5:9).

### **What keeps Christians weak and the Church ineffective?**

Unconfessed sin undermines all Christian effort. The blood-guilt of abortion is a heavy weight.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah  
I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah (Ps 32:3-5)

### **How does abortion prevent revival?**

As long as the Church continues to kill their own babies through abortion and say nothing or do nothing to stop it, God is right to reject our prayers (Isa 1:15-17). Such things grieve the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:30) and subject us to the oppression of Satan.

### **What role and responsibility do pastors and elders have regarding the sanctity of human life and the blood-guilt of abortion?**

- (1) God calls leaders to lead! Whenever innocent blood is being shed, as in abortion, they are to take the initiative to help people see the bloodguilt it causes, to understand God's will, and to publicly pray and rededicate themselves to prevent it. (Dt 21:1-10)
- (2) God calls leaders to model biblical obedience. That should include showing them the courage that comes from faith and leads to acts of rescue. (Pr 24:10-12, Lk 10:25-37).
- (3) God calls pastors to teach! Show them how elective abortion is a substitute for prayer and trusting God. "You desire and do not have, so you murder... You do not have, because you do not ask [God]" (Jm 4:2). Instead teach them not to kill but to trust in their Heavenly Father and to pray for their daily bread (Mt 6:11).

### **Shouldn't we focus on evangelism and missions?**

- (1) Yes, but the Great Commission calls us to "teach them to observe *all* that I have commanded you." (Mt 28:20) Teach them *all* that God commands about life.
- (2) Yes, and the hardest part of evangelism is showing people they are sinners deserving judgment and in need of the gospel. The evil of abortion awakens people to the gospel.
- (3) Yes, and exposing the evil of abortion shows them why the gospel is good news. The cross is blood for blood, *full payment made* for the *full punishment due* for all and each of our sins.
- (4) Yes, and you have the *only* answer to the blood-guilt and shame of abortion. The cross not only purifies us before God, it cleanses our consciences from guilt and shame. Expose the evil of abortion, proclaim the cross, and then apply it to guilty consciences. "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience" (Hb 10:22). Remind them that the blood of Jesus speaks louder than the blood of Abel (Hb 12: 24). Stay silent and you keep them subject to the condemnation of Satan. Help them come clean by confessing their sin, repenting and putting their faith in Christ.
- (5) Yes, and our children, if we do not kill them through abortion, may grow up to finish the Great Commission and hasten the coming of Christ. Satan fears this very thing for it means his own judgment approaches (Rv 12:12). In his war against God, Satan, called the Red Dragon, is willing to devour many children to stop the progress of the gospel (Rv 12, Ex 1, Mt 2:16-18).

#### 4. What does God call us to do to stop the shedding of innocent blood?

(1) We must not kill our babies through abortion, infanticide, or abandonment. (Ex 20:13)

(2) We must not passively accept the killing of babies by other people. (Dt 21:7)

(3) We must actively rescue those being led to the slaughter.

Rescue those who are being taken away to death;

hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter.

If you say, "Behold, we did not know this,"

does not he who weighs the heart perceive it?

Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it,

and will he not repay man according to his work? (Pr 24:11-12)

(4) We must rescue the weak from the hands of those who profit in the shedding of blood.

Rescue the weak and the needy;

deliver them from the hand of the wicked." (Ps 82:3-4)

(5) We must do what we hope others would do for us if we fall prey to the wicked. (Mt 7:12)

#### What examples do we have for obeying God's call to rescue the innocent? What did they do that was life-saving?

Reuben rescued Joseph from being murdered by his brothers. He used *moral persuasion and earnest pleas* to stop the shedding of innocent life.

"When Reuben heard it, he rescued him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood." (Gn 37:21-22)

The midwives rescued newborn baby boys from infanticide. They used *faith in God to muster defiant courage and with it*, refused to obey the policy of the king.

"The midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live." (Ex 1:17)

The mother of Moses rescued baby Moses. She used *secrecy*, hiding Moses in a safe home. Later she turned to *adoption* in order to provide him a safe place to grow and to fulfill God's plan for his life. (Ex 2:1-10)

"He dealt shrewdly with our race and forced our fathers to expose their infants, so that they would not be kept alive. At this time Moses was born; and he was beautiful in God's sight. And he was brought up for three months in his father's house, and when he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter adopted him and brought him up as her own son." (Acts 7:19-21)

Rahab rescued the spies. She used *deception* and was commended for it. (Jm 2:25).

Large number of peoples stood *together* as one man with one voice, in order to rescue Jonathan.



“The people said to Saul, “Shall Jonathan die...Far from it! As the Lord lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day.” So the people ransomed Jonathan, so that he did not die.” (1 Sa 14:45)

Obadiah rescued 100 prophets from Jezebel. He *provided them a safe place* to live.

“Obadiah took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifties in a cave and fed them with bread and water.” (1 Ki 18:4)

Esther rescued her people from lawful genocide by *working to change the law*. (Es 4:14)

The innocent Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego *believed God for a miracle* to save them or to supply them with the courage to suffer and die if need be.

“Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known...we will not serve your gods.” (Dn 3:17-18)

Jesus taught us *to use practical means and personal resources* to save human life. Look to the Samaritan, Jesus said, and “go and do likewise.” (Lk 10:25)

In the first century Roman world, abortion and infanticide was common. Then the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead filled the hearts of the new believers. They *taught one another*, “do not murder a child by abortion or kill a newborn infant” (Didache). They *rescued* babies and *adopted* them. They personally *helped pregnant mothers* have their babies.

Centuries later, leaders like Justinian taught, “The finder of the baby is to provide Christian care and compassion. They may be adopted, just as we were adopted into the kingdom of grace.”

Each generation must answer the call in their own way. Christians helped slaves escape in the USA. They hid missionaries during the Boxer rebellion in China. They rescued Jews from the Nazis in Europe.

In India, the missionary William Carey stopped babies from being thrown into the river to be eaten by alligators. In Africa, the missionary, Mary Slessor, rescued twins from ritual killing. Christians invented orphanages, created hospitals, promoted adoption in every place of need.

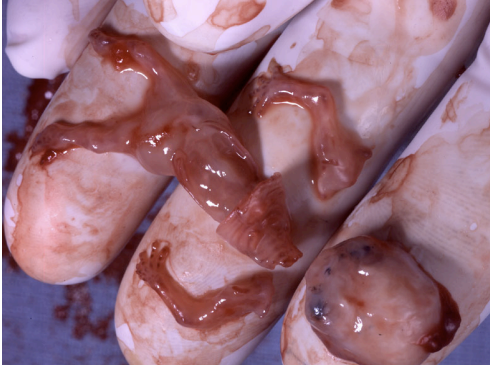
### **Rescuing babies from abortion and infanticide is not new. It is just our turn!**

Since 1970, Christians have opened over 4,000 Pregnancy Help Centers and Maternity (Mothers) Homes around the world. They provide personal care and practical help to frightened mothers and couples concerned about their pregnancy. Help begins with a free pregnancy test and medically accurate information regarding her options. It often includes an ultrasound, practical interventional and long-term support in developing a parenting plan or placing for adoption.

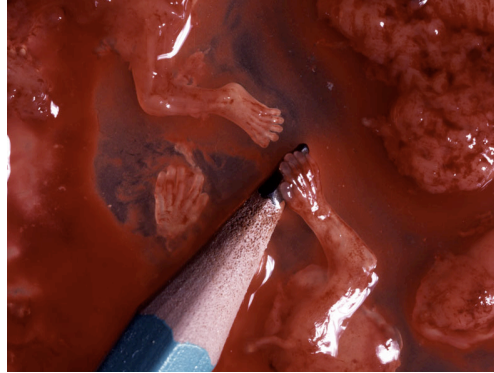
### **What if we suffer persecution for acting like these believers from the past?**

“It is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.” (1 Pt 3:17)

## THIS IS ABORTION



8 weeks (from fertilization)



9 weeks



10 weeks



11 weeks

### PROVERBS 24:10-12

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