

Five Biblical Reasons To Be A Witness Against Abortion

[SLIDE: ABORT73 GRAPHIC]

Introduction

- Videos / 5 Reasons / Abort73 Overview / Abortion as Uniquely Neglected Issue.

[VIDEOS: 1973 / 2-MINUTE OVERVIEW OF ABORTION (both available for free download at Abort73.com)]

[SLIDE: ABORTION BY THE NUMBERS (all slides available at Abort73.com/attn_student_pastors)]

- Review of key numbers relating To abortion
- Abort73 arguments are mostly secular in nature.

[SLIDE: 5 REASONS TO BE A WITNESS AGAINST ABORTION]

5 REASONS TO BE A WITNESS AGAINST ABORTION: As opposed to 5 reasons to be *against* abortion.

[SLIDE: 1. ORPHAN CARE IS AT THE HEART OF TRUE RELIGION – James 1:27]

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- James lists orphans & widows representatively (of anyone in severe distress & likely to be neglected).
- Abortion-vulnerable children face a worse plight than orphans.
- By some definitions, abortion-vulnerable children *are* orphans.

[SLIDE: RUSSELL MOORE QUOTE]

[SLIDE: DEFINITION QUOTE]

[SLIDE: 2. WHEN INNOCENT PEOPLE ARE THREATENED, THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR NOT ACTING – Proverbs 24:11-12]

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- The Bible expects engagement for those threatened by want *and* those threatened by violence.
- The term "slaughter" accurately describes abortion, both in terms of volume and procedure.

[SLIDE: 3. THOSE WHO FEAR GOD DO NOT STAND IDLY BY WHILE BABIES ARE KILLED – Exodus 1:17-21]

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- Because the Hebrew midwives feared God, they did not let any babies be put to death.

[SLIDE: 4. LOVE ACTS IN THE DEFENSE OF STRANGERS AND ENEMIES – Luke 10:30-37]

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- Christ condemns the priest & Levite, not for *feeling* the wrong way, but for *acting* the wrong way.

[SLIDE: 5. CHILD SACRIFICE IS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD – Leviticus 20:1-5 / Jeremiah 19:4-6]

5. CHILD SACRIFICE IS AN ABOMINATION TO GOD

- Israel was not to sacrifice their *own* children or allow the sacrifice of *other* children.
- Child sacrifice is so evil, it never entered God's mind that his people could do such a thing.

Connecting Abortion to Gospel: For anyone in this room who has had an abortion and anyone in this room who has hated their parents, there is forgiveness in no other name...

Involvement: Abort73 and how you can be involved.

[VIDEO: Abort73 + You (available for free download at Abort73.com)]

[SLIDE: ABORT73 GEAR GRAPHIC]

- Abort73 is working to eliminate abortion through education.
- We've embraced a purposefully veiled marketing strategy for our shirts and promotional resources.

Neglect: How many high-profile Christian bands are making abortion-vulnerable children a priority?

- Four of the artists on the list didn't link to any 3rd-party ministries on their websites or MySpace pages, at least not that I could find.
- One group linked to: Imagine a Cure (an organization fighting to end juvenile diabetes) and Compassion International (a Christian child advocacy ministry that works to release children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty).
- A solo artist blogged about raising money for Haiti Relief and encouraged fans to join him in raising money for New Hope Academy (a Christian school in Franklin, TN).
- Another solo artist linked to: One Million Can (an organization working to provide clean water in Africa, eliminate sex slavery in India, create sustainable villages for Ugandan Refugees, provide Bibles for people in SE Asia, provide surgeries for children with curable deformities, and provide homes for former child soldiers in Uganda).
- The next band on the list linked to World Vision: (an international Christian aid organization working to combat the root causes of poverty and responding quickly when disaster strikes).
- Another group linked to: TOMS Shoes: (providing free shoes to children in need) and the Mocha Club (an online community of people giving up the cost of 2 mochas a month – or \$7 – to fund relief and development projects in Africa, specifically: Clean Water, Education, Child Mothers + Women At Risk, Orphan Care + Vulnerable Children, and HIV/AIDS + Healthcare).
- The last website on the list linked to: Love + Hope + Help + Haiti (a project supporting Hope International, which provides small business loans for women in Haiti).

ONE.org: Jeremy Piven email urging support of partnership organizations "on the front lines of the fight against poverty and disease worldwide."

Closing: Social justice causes have become very fashionable of late, but with few exceptions, the social-justice issues that the church today is most excited about are the same social justice issues that the world is most excited about.

Unfashionable Quote:

[SLIDE: TCHIVIDJIAN QUOTE]