

**Sovereign Grace Church**  
***If Abortion Is Murder...Does it Matter?***  
August 7, 2016

***“Thou Shalt Not Murder”***  
**Exodus 20:13**

*This morning we will continue to consider some of the practical applications of the 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment. Abortion is the intentional terminating of a human life. Is it murder? At law, all killing is considered a type of homicide. Yet some homicide is deemed justified while other forms are considered capital crimes. Self defense and defensive war are deemed justified by most Christians, yet murder and some forms of accidental death are not. The interesting aspect of abortion is that most agree that it is the intentional taking of an innocent human life, yet many believe it should be legal. This morning we will consider some of what may drive this seemingly inconsistent stance with reference to abortion. We will consider the question, “If abortion is murder...does it matter?”*

**1. Assuming our Responsibility**

**Private opinion vs. public knowledge**

**Abortion and the right to Private Interpretation**

**Our right to Private Interpretation of Scripture includes the responsibility to get it Right & Facing the Consequences of getting it Wrong. I Cor 15:16-17**

**2. Is Abortion the murder of a human person?**

**a. Scientific Facts: *The unborn child is alive from conception; The unborn child is human. Abortion purposely kills the unborn child.***

**b. Arguments against outlawing abortion:**

- The unborn child is a part of the mother’s body.
- The unborn child is not a fully Developed human

**c. Biblical Evidence for opposing Abortion:**

- Exodus 21: 22-25

- **Other scriptures**  
Psm 139: 13-16; Jer 1:5; Lk 1: 31; 41

**Conclusion:** Scripture does not Expressly State that aborting an unborn child is murder. But a statement and a logical inference based on that statement have the SAME truth value.

3. **How can people be personally opposed to abortion, yet vote to keep it legal?**
  - a. **Can we legislate morality?**
  - b. **Should our legislation reflect God's Moral Law? Rom. 2: 16-17**
  - c. **Can our legislation reflect God's Moral Law given the spiritual state of the American people?**
  - d. **Should I (we) force MY moral standards on everyone else?**
  - e. **Should God force His moral standards on His Created Beings?**

**What should we do?**

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. **How would you counsel a family member or close personal friend who was tempted to have an abortion? Would you use only Scripture? If you only use Scripture what else are you going to have to use?**
2. **Why is it that so many people find abortion personally objectionable and yet do not support its criminalization?**
3. **How does a persons view on moral reality affect their views on abortion? Are moral principles real? If they are real....what are they? What is their connection with God? Could they exist apart from God?**
4. **Why is it important to insist on the truth value of moral statements? How does this affect the abortion debate?**