

Christians must certainly use caution when it comes to political involvement. A congregation has no business preaching about tax credits or campaign finance reform and advising its members where they should stand on these kinds of issues.

However, the Body of Christ is compelled to “defend the cause of the weak and needy.” The Church is compelled to “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves” and to expose the “fruitless deeds of darkness.” When a candidate for a government office promotes the sin of abortion, God’s people must take action to oppose this sin and defend those affected by it.

The Church is compelled not just to expose the deeds of darkness but also to be a light to those trapped by the deeds of darkness. The Church’s Gospel message of forgiveness is the only source of true hope and healing needed by those struggling with an abortion decision.

Abortion is an atrocity that takes the lives of over 3,000 children every day. Abortion is an atrocity that wounds women and destroys relationships. To be in favor of such an atrocity is symptomatic of a certain moral view of life that has broader implications as well. What kind of morality do we want in our leaders who will be making decisions about human embryo research, genetic manipulation, cloning, assisted suicide, and euthanasia? The redeemed people of God are compelled

to take action in favor of a morality that reflects God’s love for life as exemplified on the cross of His Son, Jesus Christ.

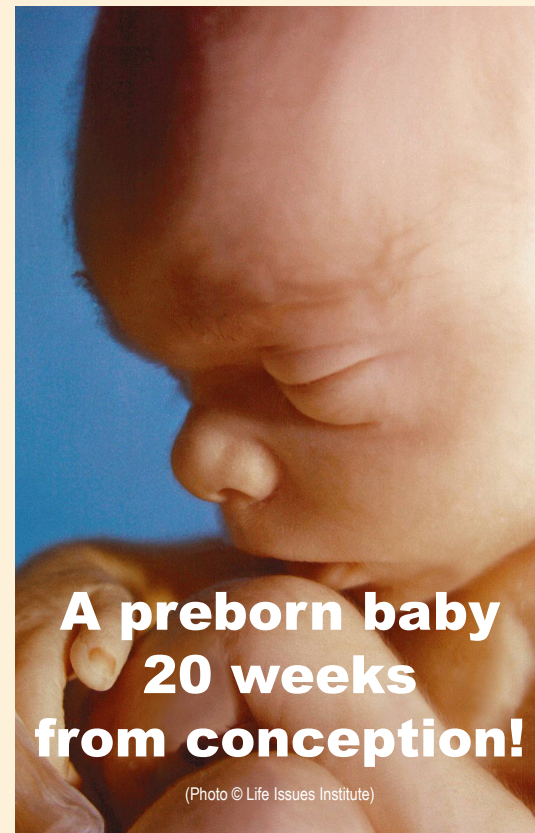
There is a little “Fred” in all of us. No one wants to be a “one issue” voter. But abortion is not an “election issue.”

Abortion is a spiritual issue.

Abortion is a sin.

The Christian should not vote for the sin of abortion.

The Christian should vote for life and be a messenger of life.



**A preborn baby
20 weeks
from conception!**

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Is Abortion an Election Issue?



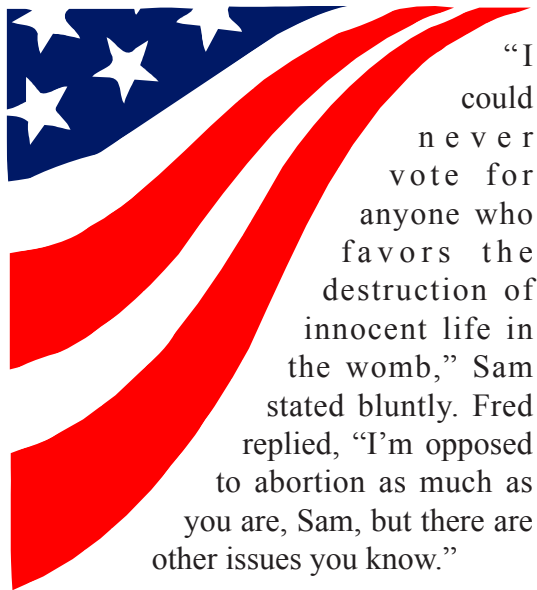
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“I could never vote for anyone who favors the destruction of innocent life in the womb,” Sam stated bluntly. Fred replied, “I’m opposed to abortion as much as you are, Sam, but there are other issues you know.”

Sincere and well meaning Christians who oppose abortion too often speak of it as if it were on a par with tax cuts, Medicare, or Social Security. There are many “Fred” out there. Maybe you know a “Fred.” Maybe you are a “Fred”! You want to be fair-minded, and you do not want to be labeled a “one issue” voter.

If you really think about it, abortion is more than an “election issue.”

God speaks to some of the political issues of our day but in a way that gives the Christian plenty of “wiggle” room. For example, God speaks about taxes. He tells us to give to “Caesar” what is his. However, He does not talk about tax structures or the IRS. Therefore, Christians may debate about how much they think “Caesar” should be taking or about how he should be taking it.

God speaks about salvation but not about how to save the Social Security system. Therefore, Christians may debate about the pros and cons of privatization.

God speaks about caring for the elderly but not about Medicare. Therefore, Christians may debate about the best way to help the elderly pay for prescriptions.

God speaks differently, however, about destroying innocent human life, and there is no “wiggle” room. He says: “You shall not murder.”

We must not forget what abortion is. All the rhetoric surrounding abortion has deceptively blinded us to the truth. We hear it described as a “right,” a “choice,” or a “medical procedure.” It becomes too easy—even for the Christian—to see abortion as just another one of those “election issues.”

Think about it! What is a candidate who supports abortion rights really supporting? Abortion is not on a par with a woman’s right to equal employment and equal pay.

Let’s be honest.

The candidate who supports abortion rights supports a woman’s right to have



her innocent child murdered. Abortion is not just an “election issue.” Abortion is a grave sin. Abortion assaults God’s Word of truth about the sanctity of human life and, therefore, assaults the Word Himself Who became flesh that we might have life. Abortion is a sin against God Who is the Author and Redeemer of life. Abortion is not an “election issue.” Because abortion destroys human life, it is a spiritual issue.

Not only does abortion kill a child, it forever wounds a woman. Although she may at first feel a sense of relief that her “problem” has been solved, eventually the reality of this unnatural choice sinks in. When it does, the guilt and shame can be devastating. This awful reality can bring the same devastation to fathers, grandparents, and siblings. Abortion is not an “election issue.” Because abortion can destroy relationships within families as well as between God and an individual, it is a spiritual issue.

Therefore ...

... a Christian cannot debate the pros and cons of abortion any more than he or she can debate the pros and cons of rape or stealing or adultery. Abortion cannot be a “right” for, in God’s sight, it is a fundamental wrong.

It is such a fundamental wrong that, when it comes to voting, a candidate’s stance on the issues is irrelevant if he or she favors abortion. A vote is not a passive act. The voter participates in promoting the agenda of the candidate in an intentional action. A candidate who favors abortion should be disqualified from receiving a Christian’s vote.

Regardless of what our government deems legal, when it comes to abortion, “We must obey God rather than man.” Those who have been called in grace and adopted as God’s children through the merits of Jesus Christ should not sanction the destruction of preborn children.

A vote for a pro-abortion candidate implicates the voter in the destruction of children created by God and for whom Jesus died.