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Part two



Thesis:

1. Why so essential?
2. What did the early church believe and teach?
3. How can we best respond?

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Why so Critical an Issue?

The sheer magnitude of the great number is overwhelming!

63,000,000 since 1973!

Every day, 2,800 unborn babies killed!

70 % of abortion clinics are in minority communities.

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Why so Critical an Issue?

It impacts God's judgment upon our nation.

- Prov 14:34
- Acts 17:26
- 2 Kings 17:17
- 2 Kings 21:16
- 2 Cor 10:3-4
- Eph 5:11

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Why so Critical an Issue?

A Solitary Sorrow



Finding
Healing &
Wholeness
after
Abortion

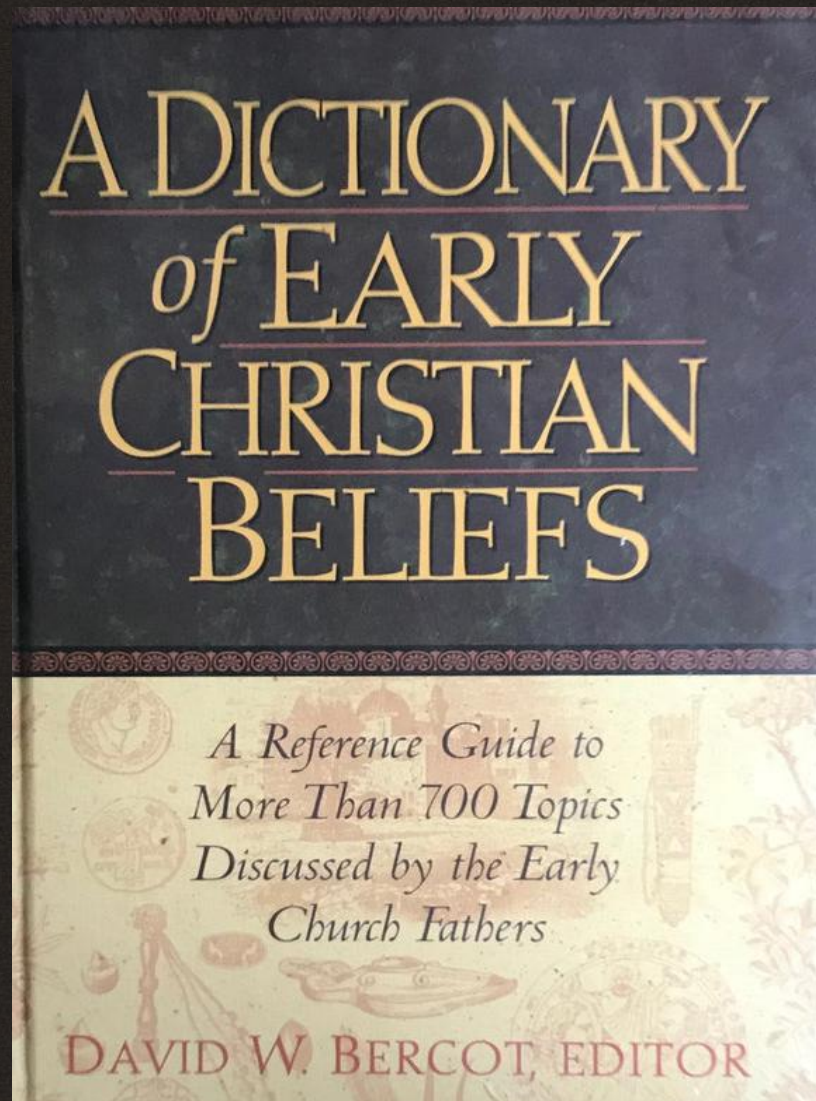
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What did the early church believe and teach?



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How can we effectively reason?

If reasoning with Bible believers:

- Isa 44:2
- Ps 139:13
- The same word is used to describe a baby whether inside or out of the womb.

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**Matthew
1:18**

**“...she
was
with
child”**



The babe
(*brephos*)

leaped in her
womb. . .

24 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, 'there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.'"

³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him saying, "Tell us, when will these things be?"

You shall find a
babe (*brephos*)
wrapped . . .

Luke 2:12

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“Babe” in the womb and
out. Only difference is

location, size &

development.



From Conception

**Baby only develops
and grows**

A close-up photograph of a newborn baby's face and hand. The baby's skin is reddish and wrinkled, typical of a newborn. The baby's hand is visible on the right side of the frame, with fingers slightly curled. The background is dark. Overlaid on the image is white text on a black background.

**From
Conception
Needs only time and
nourishment to become
an adult!**

How can we effectively reason?

If reasoning with non-Bible believers...

- Not just political
- Not just religious
- A basic moral issue!
- Do you believe that all human beings have civil rights?

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How can we effectively reason?

If non-Bible believers...

- Discuss the golden rule
- Matt 7:12
- Do you believe?
- Think about the methods used to kill the baby?

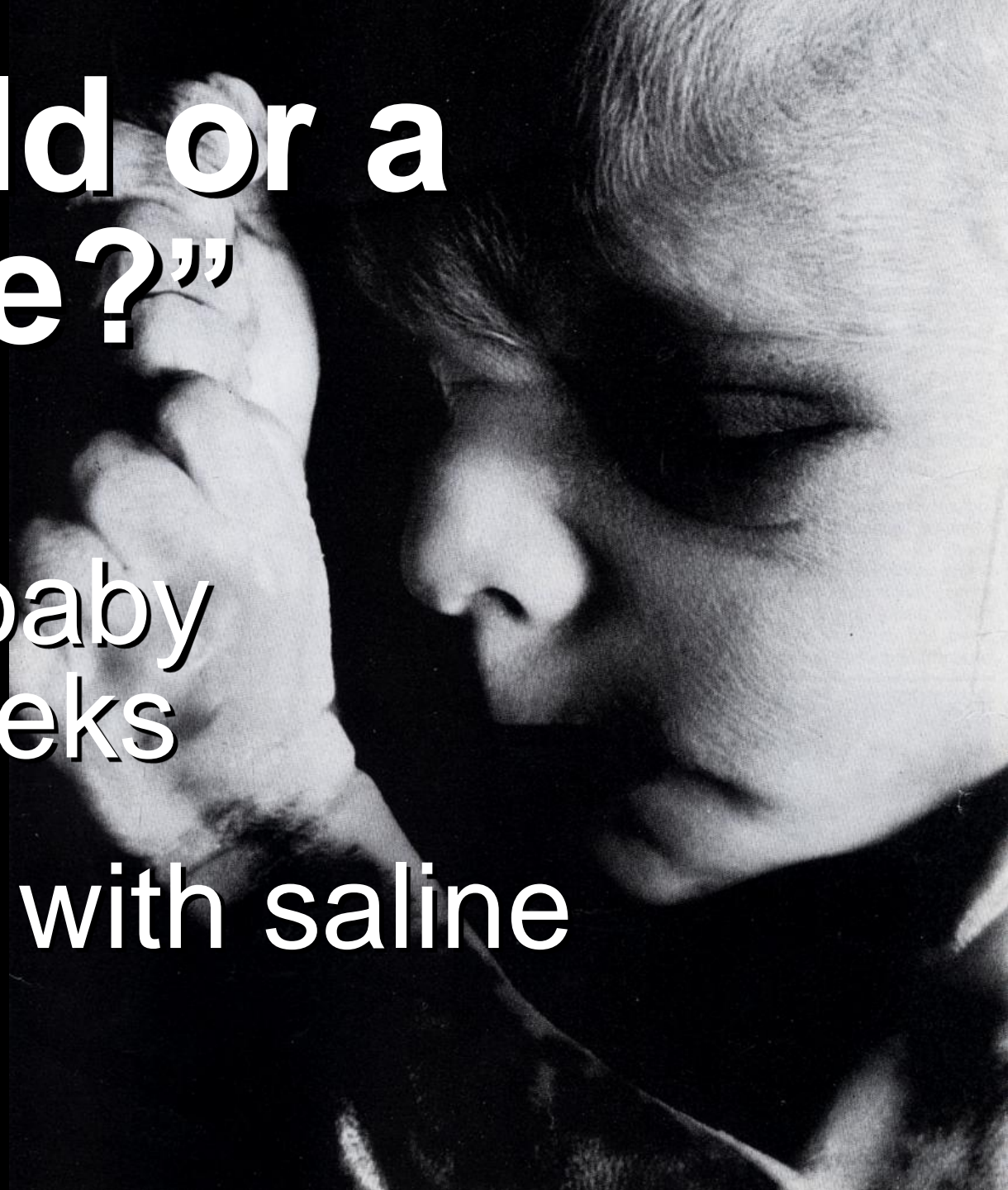
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A Child or a “Choice?”

Aborted baby
19-22 weeks

Poisoned with saline
injection



Fetal Pain

After 12 weeks the
baby can feel pain

Sensitive to touch, light,
heat, noise

Effects approximately
65,000 babies annually.





Terminology is Critical

“Pro-Choice”?

“Women’s Rights”?

Freedom?

Row v. Wade is anti-choice in many ways!

Morally, it is similar to slavery.

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What is the real issue?

- ▶ Is abortion the taking of innocent human life?
- ▶ Is a “fetus” a living, human being?
- ▶ When does human life begin?



“If the unborn are not human, no justification for elective abortion is necessary. But if the unborn are human, no justification for elective abortion is adequate.”

Greg Koukl, *Precious Unborn Human Persons*, p. 7

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How can we effectively reason?

If reasoning with non- Bible believers...

- Whenever you hear an argument for elective abortion, ask yourself if this would also justify killing toddlers?

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3 weeks – heart is beating

6 weeks – has brain waves



How can we effectively reason?

Examine the arguments:

- It is a right of *privacy*.
- Many *poor women cannot afford ...*
- Should not be forced to bring an unwanted child into the world
- Physical disabilities
- Has the right to choose

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