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to forgive us our sins, and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness**. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." The key to forgiveness is to admit we have sinned and turn from it in genuine repentance. When we do so, forgiveness will be extended.

Sin is disobeying God's Law (I John 3:4). However, sin can be forgiven (Acts 22:16). I Corinthians 6:9-11 speaks of some terrible sins of which some in the church at Corinth had been forgiven. *"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."* Some of these people had been guilty of adultery, idolatry, homosexuality, drunkenness, but they were forgiven when they obeyed the gospel. By having faith in God and Christ, repenting of their sins, confessing faith in Christ and being baptized in water for the forgiveness of their sins, they had been "washed," "sanctified," "justified," forgiven!

Regarding whatever sin you have committed, you can be forgiven when you do the same as the people in New Testament times did. Whether you are guilty of

lying, stealing, adultery, homosexuality, extortion, drunkenness, murder, any and all sins can and will be forgiven when you genuinely turn to God in complete obedience to his will. Why not do so today? Life is too short and eternity too long to continue in a life of sin and rebellion to God. Everyone will be judged according to his works (Revelation 20:12; Romans 14:12). However, your evil works will be washed away if you will repent and be baptized!

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Luke 1:41

## What Does The Bible Teach About: Abortion?



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### What Do You Think About ABORTION?

God only knows of the multiplied millions of babies that have been put to death---- aborted---- by doctors, nurses and willing mothers. Statistics show that more than 1° million unborn babies each year, more than 27 million since 1973, are sacrificed at the altar of pleasure, convenience and greed. Many different terms are used to soften the impact of abortion: unwanted pregnancy, fetal tissue, bad timing, etc. However, the reality of abortion would better be described by such terms as a human life: terminated, discarded, eliminated, disposed of, massacred, butchered, slaughtered, holocaust, genocide. Call it what you will, it's still murder---- the taking of an innocent human life!

Our society treats animal life with more respect than it does human life. Let a man dispose of unwanted animals by tossing them into a barrel of acid or a hay bailer and society will be outraged! Yet doctors can actually advertise for

your business to cut to pieces, burn alive and tear to shreds all the babies they can collect money for. They even have the sanction of the supreme court! But the same doctors could abort the life of a single baby animal on the endangered species list by the same methods and who knows what would happen to them! Strange indeed!

Instead of progressing in the sanctity and respect of human life, our society in this regard is rapidly digressing. What else should we expect, **abortion is the end result of evolution and atheism.** What if your mother had aborted you? It is even as the Bible says, *"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived"* (II Timothy 3:13). Don't be deceived!

*"And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb"* (Luke 1:41). The word "babe" here describes the **unborn** (Luke 1:41,44), **infants** (Luke 2:12,16; 18:15; I Peter 2:2), and **young children** (Acts 7:19; II Timothy 3:15). If it's morally wrong to kill a baby after birth then it's morally wrong to kill one before birth. Where, in the name of all that is good,

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true and holy, is the difference? Let the man step forward that thinks he can show the distinction between the two. The scripture still says, *"Thou shalt do no murder"* (Matthew 19:18). As Israel of old who would not hear, stiffened their necks, and sacrificed their children on altars of idolatrous worship (II Kings 17:13-18), even so are there many who *"follow their pernicious ways"* today by abortion (II Peter 2:2). They *"shall receive the reward of unrighteousness"* (II Peter 2:13).

### Will God Forgive One Who Has Had An Abortion?

YES. Forgiveness is found in complete obedience to God's Word.

For one that is not a Christian, obeying the plan of salvation is essential: **Faith** (John 8:24; Hebrews 11:6), **Repentance** (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38), **Confession of Jesus the Christ** (Matthew 10:32-33), **Water Baptism** (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

For one that is already a Christian, repentance is demanded (Acts 8:13,18-24). Repentance means to "change the mind" which leads to a change of action in life. When one genuinely repents, committing himself to never do this sin again, God forgives. I John 1:9-10 reads, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just*

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