

Abortion and Fetal Tissue Research

WHEREAS Scripture teaches that man is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26) and that individual, personal existence begins at conception (Psalm 139: 13–15); and

WHEREAS Scripture also teaches that children are a blessing from God (Psalm 127:3–5) and are to be loved, cherished and brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Titus 2:4; Ephesians 6:4); and

WHEREAS the practice of abortion is clearly a violation of the sixth commandment, “Thou shalt not kill,” and violates the Biblical prohibition against the shedding of innocent blood; and

WHEREAS the immorality of abortion cannot be erased by discovering humanitarian uses for the organs and tissues of aborted babies;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that we, the messengers of the churches in fellowship with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting for our 61st Annual Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on June 22–26, 1992, oppose research on aborted fetal tissue, since the tragedy of abortion deaths is rationalized by substituting the needs of others; that we again affirm the immorality of abortion on demand and all complicity with this evil practice and pledge ourselves to accelerate efforts to bring such assault on innocent preborn children to an end; that our opposition to fetal tissue research does not include research using tissues obtained from spontaneous miscarriages; and that we endorse the use of legitimate and moral scientific research to find beneficial medical therapies for those individuals suffering from brain-debilitating diseases.

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