

# Five Tenets of Abolitionism - Script

## TENET 1: BIBLICAL

Hello friends! January 10 is the start of Abolish Abortion Month leading up to Abolition Sunday Feb 7, the Abolition Now Conference Feb 8-9, and Abolition Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol on Tuesday, Feb 9. Over the next month, we will take special time to focus our attention on equipping and mobilizing churches to abolish abortion in our state. For many, the word “abolitionist” brings to mind images related to ending Civil War-era slavery. Like them, we intentionally chose the word *abolitionist* because we trace the convictions of our movement from God’s Word and the movement to abolish slavery in American history. Like slavery abolitionists, we abortion abolitionists want to abolish the murder of pre-born image bearers of God, our little neighbors in the most vulnerable place, their mother’s womb. We also specifically chose the term *abolitionism* because it serves as a contrast to pro-lifism. Abortion Abolitionism is a consistent application of a biblical worldview to the issue of abortion. Abolitionists have developed five tenets that differentiate our movement from the broader Pro-life movement and anchor our actions and commitments to obedience to God through His Word. These five tenets of abolition are: (1) biblical; (2) providential; (3) gospel-centered; (4) local-church-driven; and, (5) immediate and uncompromising.

Abolitionism is first biblical. We are committed to obeying God’s Word. Abolitionists begin with the fundamental presuppositions that the Bible is the necessary, inspired, inerrant, infallible, authoritative, sufficient, clear, and complete Word of the Living God (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:21). Accordingly, we do not seek to leave the Bible out of the discussion. Instead, we unapologetically stand on the Word of God as our final authority when we call abortion murder and demand equal justice and equal protection for all without showing partiality which God hates. As the London Baptist Confession affirms, “The Holy Scripture is the only sufficient, certain, and infallible rule of all saving knowledge, faith, and obedience. . . . The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man’s salvation, faith and life, is either expressly set down or necessarily contained in the Holy Scripture.”

We also stand on the redeeming truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ. God saves sinners and murderers who repent of their sin and turn to Christ alone, who died the death we deserve and by His shed blood canceled the record of sin-debt that stood against us, nailing it to the cross, and rose from the dead on the third day to offer forgiveness of sin, His own righteousness in our place, and the cleansing of the Holy Spirit.

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## Tenet 2: Providential

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Abolitionism is second, providential. We affirm, alongside The London Baptist Confession of 1689 that, “God the good Creator of all things, in His infinite power and wisdom does uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, to the end for the which they were created, according unto His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will; to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, infinite goodness, and mercy.”

Abolitionists believe that God is the Author of history. He is working His plan and His purpose down through events of history (Acts 17:25). We, therefore, reject worldly pragmatism, which dishonors God by making compromises with God’s truth for the sake of cheap grace, promoting exceptions to biblical justice for the sake of partial injustice, and delaying equal protection for all to attempt some protection for the select few.

Instead, abolitionists commit ourselves to do that which God has called us regardless of the consequences. Duty is ours. Results belong to God.

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## **Tenet 3: Gospel-centered**

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The third tenet of abolitionism is: We are gospel-centered. Abolitionists believe that the proclamation of the gospel is the *\*ONLY\** message that will prosper against the culture of death that has taken root in our society. It is, therefore, the chief aim of the abolitionist to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ into conflict with this idolatrous child sacrifice that has overtaken our land. Our first and most important message to abortion-minded mothers, post-abortive mothers, abusive and spineless boyfriends/husbands, abortion mill employees, apathetic politicians, and apathetic Christians is “Repent, and believe the gospel!” Far from leaving the gospel out of the discussion, we believe the gospel is *the* discussion.

We stand on the redeeming truth that God saves sinners and murderers who repent of their sin and turn to Christ alone, who died the death we deserve and by His shed blood canceled the record of sin-debt that stood against us, nailing it to the cross, and rose from the dead on the third day to offer forgiveness of sin, His own righteousness in our place, and the cleansing of the Holy Spirit.

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## **Tenet 4: Body-driven**

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Abolitionism is, in the fourth place, local-church driven. Jesus obtained the church “with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). He commissioned her under His sovereign authority to extend His glorious dominion on earth by making disciples and teaching them to obey all that He commanded (Matt 28:19-20). God has established the church as the “pillar and buttress of the truth” (1 Tim 3:15) and ordained “that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 3:10).

Abolitionists believe that abortion is a local church issue. For far too long, Christians have relegated the plight of the pre-born to para-church ministry “experts.” However, the local church is God’s vehicle for bringing about prophetic reform among the nations. Christians are to “abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Rom 12:9), to expose evil (Eph 5:11), and to destroy the ungodly thinking that defends evil (2 Cor 10:5). We are exhorted to rescue the weak from death, snatch the falling from flames, and hold back the stumbling from the slaughter.

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## **Tenet 5: Immediate and Uncompromising**

Good morning! This is the Abolition Sunday! Tomorrow and Tuesday is Abolition Now Conference and Tuesday is Abolition Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol. The conference and Abolition Day are special times for equipping and mobilizing churches to abolish abortion in our state. For many, the word “abolitionist” brings to mind images related to ending Civil War-era slavery. Like them, we intentionally chose the word *abolitionist* because we trace the convictions of our movement from God’s Word and the movement to abolish slavery in American history. Like slavery abolitionists, we abortion abolitionists want to abolish the murder of pre-born image bearers of God, our little neighbors in the most vulnerable place, their mother’s womb. We also specifically chose the term *abolitionism* because it serves as a contrast to pro-lifism. Abortion Abolitionism is a consistent application of a biblical worldview to the issue of abortion. Abolitionists have developed five tenets that differentiate our movement from the broader Pro-life movement and anchor our actions and commitments to obedience to God through His Word. These five tenets of abolition are: (1) biblical; (2) providential; (3) gospel-centered; (4) local-church-driven; and, (5) immediate and uncompromising.

The fifth and final tenet of abolitionism is immediate and uncompromising. Abolitionists state unequivocally that abortion is murder, and we reject any position that allows for any exceptions to the legal protection of our preborn neighbors, compromises God’s holy standard of justice, or promotes any God-hating partiality (Psa 94:6; Isa 10:1-2; Prov 24:11; Psa 82:1-4). We affirm that abortion should be abolished immediately without exception or compromise. Over the past 47 years with 60+ million abortions, traditional Pro-life laws, though well intended, have not established equal protection and justice for the preborn, but on the contrary, appallingly have established incremental, regulatory guidelines for when, where, why, and how to obtain legal abortion of innocent preborn children, thereby legally sanctioning abortion. We do not embrace an incremental approach to ending abortion because it challenges God’s Lordship over the heart and the conscience, and rejects His call to repent of sin completely and immediately (Gen 3:1; John 8:44; Rom 2:14-15; 2 Corinthians 11:3). Abolitionists humbly confess and repent of our complicity in recognizing any exceptions that legitimize or regulate abortion, and of our apathy, in not laboring with the power and influence we have to abolish abortion. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we will engage, with God’s help, in establishing equal justice and protection for the preborn according to the authority of God’s Word as well as local and federal law, and call upon pastors and entity leaders to use their God-given gifts of preaching, teaching, and leading with one unified, principled, prophetic voice to abolish abortion.

Finally, because abolishing abortion is a gospel issue, we call upon governing authorities at all levels to repent and “obey everything that [Christ] has commanded,” exhorting them to bear fruit in keeping with repentance by faithfully executing their responsibilities as God’s servants of justice, and working with all urgency to enact legislation using the full weight of their office to interpose on behalf of the preborn, abolishing abortion immediately, without exception or compromise (Mark 6:18; Matt 28:18-20; Rom 13:4, 6).

Dear brothers and sisters, every day in our land, thousands of little innocent children are being slaughtered. Join us in this battle to abolish this wickedness from our land. Join us at the Abolition Now Conference tomorrow and Tuesday, Feb 8-9th and Abolition Day at the Capitol on Tuesday, Feb 9. Rise up church! Let’s rescue the preborn image bearers, our neighbors being led to death in our state!