

CHAPTER 42

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT/WAR

Why are pro-lifers for capital punishment?

Most are not, but many are, including many sincere Christians who see biblical justification for it.

But they both kill, don't they?

Yes. But there are clear differences. Let's list them.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT	ABORTION
To rational adult	To preborn baby
Punishment for a capital crime	Not punishment, no crime
Judged guilty by due process of law	Not guilty, no due process
Killed by the state	Killed by a private citizen

War kills too. What about that?

If there is a clear-cut justified war, it would be a war of self-defense. Let's list the differences.

WAR	ABORTION
Self-defense	Aggression
Not wanted, unplanned	Wanted and planned
Done by the state	By a private citizen
Against another nation	Against a private individual

What is the position of pro-abortion advocates?

They are the ones who are inconsistent. With few exceptions, pro-abortion leaders oppose capital punishment. They would spare the guilty, but kill the innocent.

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