

# Another Layer of Abortion: The Grandbabies

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How many million women 20 to 40 years post-abortion are facing the prospect that their aborted babies would likely be birthing grandbabies for them by now, had they lived? It is a terrifying and sobering thought that exposes another layer of the grief/guilt response for post-abortive would-be-grandmothers. More grieving and repenting are required; why doesn't it ever end? Her questions: How can God continue to forgive the atrocity of abortion? Can the vast consequences and the collateral damage regarding the next generation, even be imagined?

Some become grandmothers anyway, thanks to their born children who are now old enough to have, and do have, children of their own. Becoming a grandmother brings a strong realization, similar to an aborted woman who later gives birth to a live baby. Many women have reactions at this juncture because in receiving their beautiful babies born, the reality of the previous pregnancy ending without a beautiful child is bitter indeed. Then when grandchildren are born, the reality hits again, that no grandchildren will ever be born to the aborted child, for that intended family line is now void and will never exist.

When women are young and in distress over an unplanned pregnancy, looking into the future that far just isn't possible. The crisis is now, the crisis is dealt with in a hurry in an emotional state of mind, the crisis is dealt with a void of objectivity, and the



crisis is faced with little support in many cases, and sometimes the crisis is dealt with by a forced abortion. Using abortion as a crisis resolution steeped in trauma and grief, worsens the problem and creates a crisis for the rest of her life. This is told in Jeremiah 20:17 KJV:

"Because he slew me not from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb to be always great with me."

The sorrow of an uncompleted pregnancy is endless, were it not for God's mercy.

As life goes on for the aborted woman, she is remembering the procedure, the event, her feelings, and the circumstances, on the anniversary date of the abortion, every year. She is calculating how old the child would be now, wondering what life would have been like with the child. She wonders if it was a boy or a girl. She is thinking Jesus has her baby in His arms - and that is comforting to some extent. She cries, grieves and asks for forgiveness again. She may be struggling with post-abortion symptoms, to name a few, depression, anxiety, panic, guilt, shame, PTSD, low self esteem, difficulty with relationships, difficulty bonding with her born children, fearful, distrusting, thinking that God has not really forgiven her and that she is utterly doomed. Women are made by God to nurture, not destroy. The act of abortion is an assault on her very soul, a conflict that cuts her to the core and breaks her heart. She cries some more.

In over 25 years of counseling, I have seen hundreds of women find healing from the devastation of abortion. Completely processing the issues surrounding an abortion



combined with spiritual truth and grace, provides a way for healing, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Because of the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ in bearing our sins on the cross, and the post-abortion ministry he has given to believers, women are able to heal and live. Please reach out to a Christian counselor or local Pregnancy Help Center if you are post-abortive.

With every layer of the abortion problem revealing itself throughout a woman's life, comes an opportunity to draw closer to Christ. Now as an older mature woman, now grasping the magnitude of the abortion decision, and the greater magnitude of Christ's grace and forgiveness of her, embracing Jesus is what matters most. Eternity lies ahead, free of this world's grief, beautifully and longingly awaiting our arrival. While we wait for that time, Christ is here through the Holy Spirit to comfort, love, and keep us for Himself, for we are God's heart, His creation. And He cradles the lost babies in His arms, over 56 million of them from the USA alone, so far. God help us. Amen.



"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, by grace ye are saved. And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Eph.2:4-7 KJV ♦

