

Before You Vote on Amendment 3: A Scripture-Based Reflection

Following God's Word in a Time of Difficult Choices

The people of Missouri are once again being asked to vote on abortion in the form of a new Amendment 3 (HJR 73). While this measure removes some of the radical pro-abortion provisions passed in 2024, it still explicitly allows abortion in cases of rape, incest, fetal anomaly, and medical emergency. At first glance, this may appear to be an improvement. But as followers of Jesus Christ, our standard is not political expedience — it is obedience to the Word of God. When measured against Scripture, the new Amendment 3 falls far short and requires us to compromise with sin.

1. God Calls All Abortion Murder, Without Exception

The sixth commandment is clear:

“You shall not murder.” (Exodus 20:13, NKJV)

Every child in the womb is a person made in the image of God. Scripture declares:

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” (Genesis 1:27, NKJV)

“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made... My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.” (Psalm 139:13–16, NKJV)

The child conceived in rape or incest is no less an image-bearer of God than the child conceived in love. To take that life is still murder. God does not give us permission to decide which lives may be destroyed.

2. Unequal Laws Are an Abomination to God

The new Amendment 3 would enshrine into our Constitution the idea that some children may be legally killed, while others may be protected. God speaks directly against such partiality:

“Unequal weights and unequal measures are both alike an abomination to the Lord.” (Proverbs 20:10, NKJV)

“Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, who write misfortune, which they have prescribed; to rob the needy of justice, and to take what is right from the poor of My

people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless.” (Isaiah 10:1–2, NKJV)

By writing into law that some image-bearers may be destroyed, Missouri would be guilty of passing exactly the kind of “unrighteous decree” that Scripture condemns.

3. God Commands Us to Defend the Weak

Far from permitting exceptions, God repeatedly commands His people to defend the weakest among us:

“Give justice to the poor and fatherless; defend the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; free them from the hand of the wicked.” (Psalm 82:3–4, NKJV)

“Open your mouth for the speechless, in the cause of all who are appointed to die. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and plead the cause of the poor and needy.” (Proverbs 31:8–9, NKJV)

The unborn child has no voice. To approve a law that abandons some of them is to disobey this clear command of God.

4. Justice Requires Obedience, Not Compromise

Some argue that supporting this amendment is the best we can do under current circumstances. But Scripture warns us not to settle for partial justice:

“You shall follow what is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the Lord your God is giving you.” (Deuteronomy 16:20, NKJV)

Justice in God’s eyes is not partial, conditional, or selective. It demands equal protection for every child.

5. Trusting in Legislators Is No Substitute for Trusting in God

The new amendment leaves us dependent on the same legislature whose failures opened the door to the 2024 pro-abortion amendment. Even if Amendment 3 passes, legislators would need to pass follow-up laws to prevent abuse, regulate abortion pills, and verify claims of rape or incest. Given their past record, should we place our hope in them? Scripture says:

“It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.” (Psalm 118:8, NKJV)

If we compromise by allowing some children to be sacrificed in hopes of saving others, how many will truly be saved — if any?

6. Obedience Brings God's Blessing

Throughout the Bible, God honors those who obey Him even when the odds are overwhelming: Noah building the ark, Gideon fighting with 300 men, Daniel refusing to bow, the early church preaching Christ under persecution. Their victories came not from compromise but from obedience.

The question before Missouri Christians is not “What can we get passed?” but “Will we obey God?”

Conclusion: Choose Obedience Over Fear

Every voter must prayerfully seek the Lord in this matter. But let us not base our decisions on fear or political calculation. God has spoken: abortion is murder, unequal laws are an abomination, and justice requires defending the weakest without compromise.

The new Amendment 3 may undo some of the 2024 amendment, but it still asks us to enshrine abortion into our Constitution. To vote “yes” is to say with our own hand that some lives may lawfully be destroyed. As Christians, we cannot give our approval to such sin.

Instead, let us trust the Lord, stand on His Word, and work for an amendment that provides equal protection for every unborn child. For God has promised:

“Those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.” (1 Samuel 2:30b, NKJV)

May we choose obedience over compromise and trust God with the outcome.