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## Charles Barkley Owes Us All An Apology!

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"Every time I hear the word 'conservative,' it makes me sick to my stomach, because they're really just fake Christians, as I call them. That's all they are. They're not supposed to judge other people. But they're the most hypocritical judges of people we have in this country. They act like they're Christians. And they're not forgiving at all." - Charles Barkley, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**UNION CITY, CA, FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008** -- Charles Barkley should apologize for calling conservatives "fake Christians." How in the world can Mr. Barkley, or anyone for that matter, account for the authenticity of someone's commitment to Jesus Christ?

On one hand Mr. Barkley is sick to his stomach every time he hears the word "conservative" because according to his judgment, "conservatives" are the most hypocritical judges in this country. Again, in Mr. Barkley's estimation, "conservatives" act like Christians but they are not forgiving. Apparently, being judgmental is an intolerable and unacceptable form of behavior, which greatly troubles Mr. Barkley.

On the other hand, Mr. Barkley appears to have no qualms at all with making his own wide and sweeping judgments. Mr. Barkley identifies all "conservatives" as fake and unforgiving Christians for their pro-life stand.

Wow! Imagine a Christian, any Christian, conservative or otherwise, that believes killing a baby in the womb of his or her mother is wrong? Is not such a belief, especially among Christians, simply unimaginable? How in the world could any Christian want to save the life of an unborn child? How is it possible, that any Christian could have a sincere and authentic relationship with Jesus Christ and work toward saving the life an innocent child?

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(Charles Barkley,  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008).**

After all wouldn't everyone and especially Christians, agree that the baby, struggling to grow inside the womb of his or her mother, has no right to life? Wouldn't everyone, again conservative or otherwise, believe that a woman has the right to kill her child? Isn't it unthinkable that a Christian (i.e., a true, sincere and authentic Christian) would struggle with the concept of killing babies and find such actions unconscionable?

Let's be reasonable and opened minded here. Surely everyone understands and agrees that a woman has no right to kill her rapist, abusive family member and/or the father of their child. However, killing the baby in her womb is different. Killing the baby in her womb is an option. And because of the enormity of such a painful decision U.S. taxpayers should foot the bill, to the tune of over \$350 million dollars, to ensure that every woman could kill her baby without being concerned about the financial costs involved with legalized murder.



It seems that according to Mr. Barkley's comments, a pro-life position is, at the very least, unbecoming for any Christian and at the very most a clear demonstration of an individual's insincere and unauthentic (i.e., "fake") commitment to Jesus Christ and biblical doctrine.

From listening to Mr. Barkley's comments, it appears that he must have the ability to know and understand the heart of an individual. Apparently, this "gift" allows Mr. Barkley to accurately judge the actions of others, thereby exempting him from the words of Jesus Christ in Matthew 7:1 ("Judge not, that ye be not judged!"). After all, Mr. Barkley cannot be held accountable for judging others, if he is simply "telling it like it is?"

Is there now or has there ever been such a "gift" among men? According to Jeremiah: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9). Apparently, the bible teaches that there has never been nor has any man ever possessed such a "gift."

Understanding what Mr. Barkley must have had in mind when he was making such comments is difficult. However, it clearly seems to be the case here, that Mr. Barkley is guilty of being a hypocritical and judgmental Christian himself. Given his own distaste for such behavior, I would imagine that Mr. Barkley was deathly ill and very sick to his stomach when he made those statements.

In his own words, "we have to hold Blacks more accountable for their actions" (Charles Barkley, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008). As such and in the interest of authentic Christianity, Mr. Barkley owes us all an apology. However, for Christ's sake and in the interest of authentically and sincerely living out the words of our Lord and Saviour, whether Mr. Barkley apologizes or not he is forgiven.

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