

Sanctity of Human Life

What the Bible says about the beginning of life

The Bible is far from silent on the topic of the sanctity of human life, especially in the womb. This resource provides just a few of the Scripture verses that speak to the value of preborn life created in God's image from the moment of fertilization.

Why should we value life?

"Know that the lord Himself is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture."

—*Psalm 100:3, NASB*

"Thus says the lord, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, 'I, the lord, am the maker of all things, stretching out the heavens by Myself, and spreading out the earth all alone.'"

—*Isaiah 44:24, NASB*

"But now, O lord, You are our Father, we are the clay, and You our potter; and all of us are the work of Your hand."

—*Isaiah 64:8, NASB*

Who is the creator of the preborn child?

"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; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. 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*

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."



Development of the hands at 7 weeks after fertilization

—*Jeremiah 1:5, NIV*

Is God concerned with the preborn child?

"But God chose me before I was born. By His loving-favor He called me to work for Him."

—*Galatians 1:15, NIV*

"Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the spiritual blessings that Christ has brought us from heaven! Before the world was created, God had Christ choose us to live with him and to be his holy and innocent and loving people."

—*Ephesians 1:3-4, CEV*

Are preborn children human beings?

"When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit . . . [saying] 'As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.'"

—*Luke 1:41,44, NIV*

The Lord Jesus Christ began his incarnation as an embryo—growing into a fetus, infant, child, teenager and adult. "While they were there, the time came for the baby to born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son."

—*Luke 2:6-7, NIV*