

Life is Sacred
Genesis 1:27, 2:7; Psalm 32:5

I. LIFE IS SACRED BECAUSE WE ARE CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD (Genesis 1:27; 2:7)

Genesis 1:27, “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”

God’s “image” as a spiritual, moral, intellectual, immortal being who can communicate and have fellowship with God.

- A. All other creatures were created by divine command but humans were created by the personal creative work of God.
(Genesis 2:7)

Genesis 2:7, “Then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

- B. Man was created with a capacity to relate to God.
C. Only humans were inbreathed with the breath of God. (Genesis 2:7b)

Job 33:4, “The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.”

II. LIFE BEGINS AT CONCEPTION

A. The Bible teaches it:

1. We are set apart before we are formed in the womb
(Jeremiah 1:5)

Jeremiah 1:5 "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."

2. We are sinful from conception (Psalm 51:5)

Psalm 51:5, “Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.”

3. Our personhood is affirmed while yet in the mother’s womb
(Ps 139:13-16)

Psalm 139:13-16 (NLT)

***13 You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body
and knit me together in my mother’s womb.***

***14 Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex!
Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it.***

***15 You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion,
as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.***

***16 You saw me before I was born.
Every day of my life was recorded in your book.***

***Every moment was laid out
before a single day had passed.***

4. There is no distinction between humanity/personhood of the pre-born and born (Luke 1:44; 2:12)

Vs 44, “For behold when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy!”

The Greek word *bephos* is used to mean: “a preborn child, embryo, fetus, a new born child, an infant, a babe.”

B. Science affirms that a baby is genetically complete at conception

Life begins at conception and the embryo is a human being.

III. LIFE IS SACRED...MAKE WISE CHOICES

A. Maintain sexual purity

I Corinthians 6:18-19, “Flee sexual immorality. Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you?”

B. If you get pregnant outside of marriage

1. Tell your parents / tell me as your pastor or talk to another staff member
2. Talk to a Pregnancy Resource Center (Sav-A-Life)
3. Choose Life: keep the baby or place the baby for adoption.

C. If you have had an abortion

1. Repent and claim God's forgiveness (Psalm 32:5)

Psalm 32:5 “I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

Hosea 2:14-15 - God’s mercy on Israel

***¹⁴“But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her there.
¹⁵I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope.***

2. Go to post-abortion counseling and/or Bible study

D. The Church: Commit to help the life of the newborn