

## Parent Update on The Sanctity of Life and Abortion

- Human life is valuable - God created mankind in His image (Genesis 1:27)
- God prohibits life-denying practices - (Exodus 20:13, Genesis 9:6)
- With the fall of man, sin entered the world which brought death and murder (Genesis 3:19, Genesis 4:8)
- But Jesus came to bring life by conquering death (John 10:10)
- We are called to join Jesus in that work of restoration - restorative Justice (Isaiah 1:17)

*Proverbs 31:8,9 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."*

\*This includes the unborn - who are unable to speak for themselves.

- Most life-denying practices are widely accepted as wrong. However, abortion is a life-denying practice that is often viewed as acceptable.
- Most people (even unbelievers) have an inherent sense of value for human life; But abortion is often viewed as acceptable because many people don't consider an unborn child to be human.
- Therefore we must consider the question: "When does life begin?"

### What the Bible says about when life begins:

- Psalm 51:6 "Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful FROM THE TIME MY MOTHER CONCEIVED ME."
- Psalm 139:3 "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."
- Luke 1:41-44; John the baptist leapt in the womb - responded to Jesus' presence
- Life begins in the womb, at conception.

### Looking at science:

\*We consider science when discussing this topic, because many people will not take the Bible's word for it. Jesus used logic and reason when discussing difficult truths with others; It is good for us to do the same, especially when we are defending a life.

- About 96% of biologists agree that [life begins at fertilization](#).
- At conception, a zygote is formed - which is a new creation with its own DNA.
- Developmentally, the zygote becomes an embryo, then a fetus (all within the womb).
- People try to use this language to make babies seem less than human - like they're just a fetus, not a person... But this is similar to saying "that's not a person, they're a toddler"

### Questions discussed:

- What if the baby can't survive on its own? Is it still a human?
  - Yes - Consider people who are on oxygen temporarily. They can't currently survive without it, but once they are strong again, they won't need it. They are still human.

- What if the baby is going to be born into a financially unstable home - or a home that is unstable for any number of reasons?
  - The value of someone's life is not based on their socio-economic class. Adoption is also an option. This also led us to discuss the importance of supporting these moms and babies after birth.

*Note: We did not discuss laws or anything else political during this lesson. Rather, we focused on what God has to say about the value of human life. We want our students to have a Biblical perspective on abortion; Plus we want them to be prepared if a friend ever approaches them while considering abortion.*

**Parents, we strongly encourage you to continue this discussion at home.**

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out!

Blessings,  
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