



Seeing What We
believe

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MOUNTAIN SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH BYLAWS

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Tonight, we consider another controversial topic as we continue to look at the doctrinal statement of our church – the subject of abortion. About 1.8 million abortions occur in the United States every year. **Over 35,000,000 abortions have occurred since Roe v. Wade.**

<https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/abortion-chris-edmondson-sermon-on-abortion-107222?ref=SermonSerps>

Tragically, the World Health Organization, which we are supposed to revere as the medical authority that will guide us through this pandemic, has come out with a statement saying that abortion is an “essential” service. And Michigan’s notoriously liberal governor, Gretchen Whitmer, criticized the temporary abortion bans by making the paradoxical claim that abortion is “life-sustaining”! <https://www.hli.org/2020/04/abortion-during-coronavirus/>

Abortion is the Leading Cause of Death During the Coronavirus, Killing 10.5 Million Worldwide

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On Thursday, the Centers for Disease Control announced that the number of Americans who have died from the coronavirus has surpassed 100,000. The Worldometer estimated the global deaths from the coronavirus at approximately 364,600 on Friday. The number of unborn babies who died in the U.S. and internationally from abortions far surpasses both.

Based on Worldometer abortion statistics, **there were an average 3,484,800 abortions per month in the world so far in 2020.** That means that **between March and May, the time of the coronavirus shutdowns, approximately 10.5 million unborn babies were aborted.**

The number of abortions in the U.S. during that same time period was approximately 215,600, an estimate based on the latest abortion statistics from the Guttmacher Institute.

<https://www.lifenews.com/2020/05/29/abortion-was-the-leading-cause-of-death-during-the-coronavirus-killing-10-5-million-worldwide/>

As of July 1, 2020, there have been around 127,400 deaths related to COVID-19 in the United States.

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1109011/coronavirus-covid19-death-rates-us-by-state/>

In the USA, where nearly half of pregnancies are unintended and four in 10 of these are terminated by abortion, **there are over 3,000 abortions per day**. Twenty-two percent of all pregnancies in the USA (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion.

<https://www.worldometers.info/abortions/#:~:text=According%20to%20WHO%2C%20every%20year%20in%20the%20world,%2C%20there%20are%20over%203%2C000%20abortions%20per%20day.>

We will not consider the political aspect, nor the horrible physical atrocities associate with abortion. We will consider the Scriptures, along with scientific evidence regarding conception.

I. THE INITIATION OF LIFE

“We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being.”

- All doctrinal beliefs **MUST** begin with the Word of God = what does the Bible say?

A. The Creator

Eph. 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, **who created all things by Jesus Christ:**

Rev. 4:11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for **thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.**

Gen. 2:3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which **God created and made.**

Isa. 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, and **behold who hath created these things**, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth.

Isa. 45:12 **I have made the earth, and created man upon it:** I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

Mal. 2:10 Have we not all one father? **hath not one God created us?** why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?

Col. 1:16 For **by him were all things created**, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: **all things were created by him, and for him:**

B. The Creation

Gen. 2:7 And **the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life;** and man became a living soul.

Psa. 139:14 I will praise thee; for **I am fearfully and wonderfully made:** marvellous *are* thy works; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.

Jer. 1:5 Before **I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb** I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

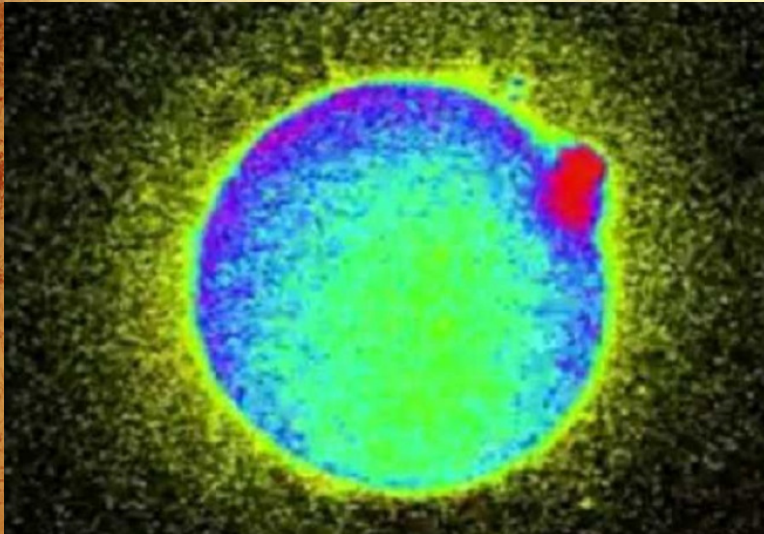
- Each life is an individual plan of the Creator.

Isa. 44:24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and **he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things**; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

- Each person has a “calling” from the womb to be a servant of the Lord.

Isa. 49:1 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; **The LORD hath called me from the womb**; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. ...
5 And now, saith **the LORD that formed me from the womb to be his servant**, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength.

- A point of contention between pro-choice and pro-life groups is the beginning of life. When does it begin? Christians believe that life begins at the moment of conception.



Human life begins at conception. To quote just one authoritative human embryology textbook: “Human development begins at fertilisation when a sperm unites with an oocyte [ovum] to form a single cell zygote. This highly specialised, totipotent cell marks the beginning of each of us as a unique individual.” (Moore, K.L., Persaud, T.V.N. & Torchia, M.G. (2015). *The developing human: clinically oriented embryology* (10th ed.).

<https://www.lifenews.com/2019/06/20/new-scientific-study-proves-human-life-begins-at-conception/>

Science Deniers Notwithstanding, Human Life Begins at Conception

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In the scientific debates of our day, it's important to distinguish debates about scientific facts from debates about the ethical or metaphysical consequences of scientific facts.

That human life begins at conception is a scientific fact, and has been recognized as such since the early 19th century when fertilization of the ovum by the sperm was first observed in the laboratory. That life begins at conception is as much a scientific fact as heliocentrism, and the fact that the earth is round, and that water is H₂O.

A new human being comes into existence at the fusion of the egg and the sperm. The new human being develops through stages, and at each stage of *human* development — zygote, embryo, fetus, neonate, infant, child, adolescent, adult — the individual is a human being. There is no scientific debate about this.

There is, regrettably, a lot of denial of this scientific fact, most of it from those who find it necessary to deny the humanity of the human being whose life is ended by abortion.

A human being begins to exist at conception, and ceases to exist at death. There is no scientific debate about these facts.

The legal protections offered to human beings at various stages of life are a matter of ethics, **not a matter of science. From the perspective of science, human life begins at conception and ends at death.**

https://evolutionnews.org/2015/08/science_deniers/

Summary

- At the instant of fertilization, your baby's genes and **sex** are set. If the sperm has a Y chromosome, your baby will be a boy. If it has an X chromosome, the baby will be a girl.
- The fertilized egg stays in the fallopian tube for about 3 to 4 days. But within 24 hours of being fertilized, it starts dividing fast into many cells. It keeps dividing as it moves slowly through the fallopian tube to the uterus. Its next job is to attach to the lining of uterus. This is called implantation.
- A pregnancy hormone known as hCG is in your blood from the time of implantation. This is the hormone detected in a pregnancy test. Some home pregnancy tests can detect hCG as soon as 7 days after ovulation.

<https://www.webmd.com/baby/understanding-conception>

- Personally, I believe that **life CONTINUES** at conception when a **live** sperm fertilizes a **live** egg.

II. THE INTERRUPTION OF LIFE

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Gen. 9:6 **Whoso sheddeth man's blood**, by man shall his blood be shed: for **in the image of God made he man**.

Mt. 15:19 For **out of the heart** proceed evil thoughts, **murders**, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Mt. 19:18 He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said, **Thou shalt do no murder**, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness,

Mark 10:19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, **Do not kill**, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

Luke 18:20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, **Do not kill**, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

Jn. 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him.** When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Rom. 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, **God gave them over to a reprobate mind**, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, **murder**, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Rom. 13:9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, **Thou shalt not kill**, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

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- There is, regrettably, a lot of **denial of this scientific fact**, most of it from those who find it necessary to deny the humanity of the human being whose **life is ended by abortion.**
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Prov. 12:15 **The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes:** but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is* wise.

Prov. 21:2 **Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes:** but the **LORD** pondereth the hearts.

Luke 16:15 And he said unto them, **Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.**

- Fewer than 1% of all abortions take place because there has been rape or incest involved to create the pregnancy.
- An Elliot Institute study on rape-related pregnancies found that nearly 80% of the women who aborted said that abortion was the wrong solution.
- 95% of those who mentioned rape or incest as a reason for an abortion also named other reasons as well for deciding to abort.

<https://healthresearchfunding.org/18-shocking-abortion-statistics-rape-victims/>

- Just 1% of women obtain an abortion because they became pregnant through rape, and less than 0.5% do so because of incest, according to the Guttmacher Institute.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2019/05/24/rape-and-incest-account-few-abortions-so-why-all-attention/1211175001/>

- Most expectant husbands and wives naturally worry at least a little bit about the possibility of serious birth defects, but in reality, they are quite rare.
- Six states surveyed 1.3 million women who had abortions, and found that only 0.59% chose abortion because of birth defects.³

<https://www.hli.org/resources/abortion-serious-fatal-birth-defects/>

- The most common sub-reason given was that the woman could not afford a baby now because she was unmarried (42%). Thirty-eight percent indicated that having a baby would interfere with their education, and the same proportion said it would interfere with their employment. In a related vein, 34% said they could not afford a child because they were students or were planning to study.

<https://www.gutmacher.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/pubs/psrh/full/3711005.pdf>

- **Over 98 percent of the abortions performed today involve women who simply do not want to have the baby.** <https://www.gotquestions.org/abortion-Bible.html>

Conclusion



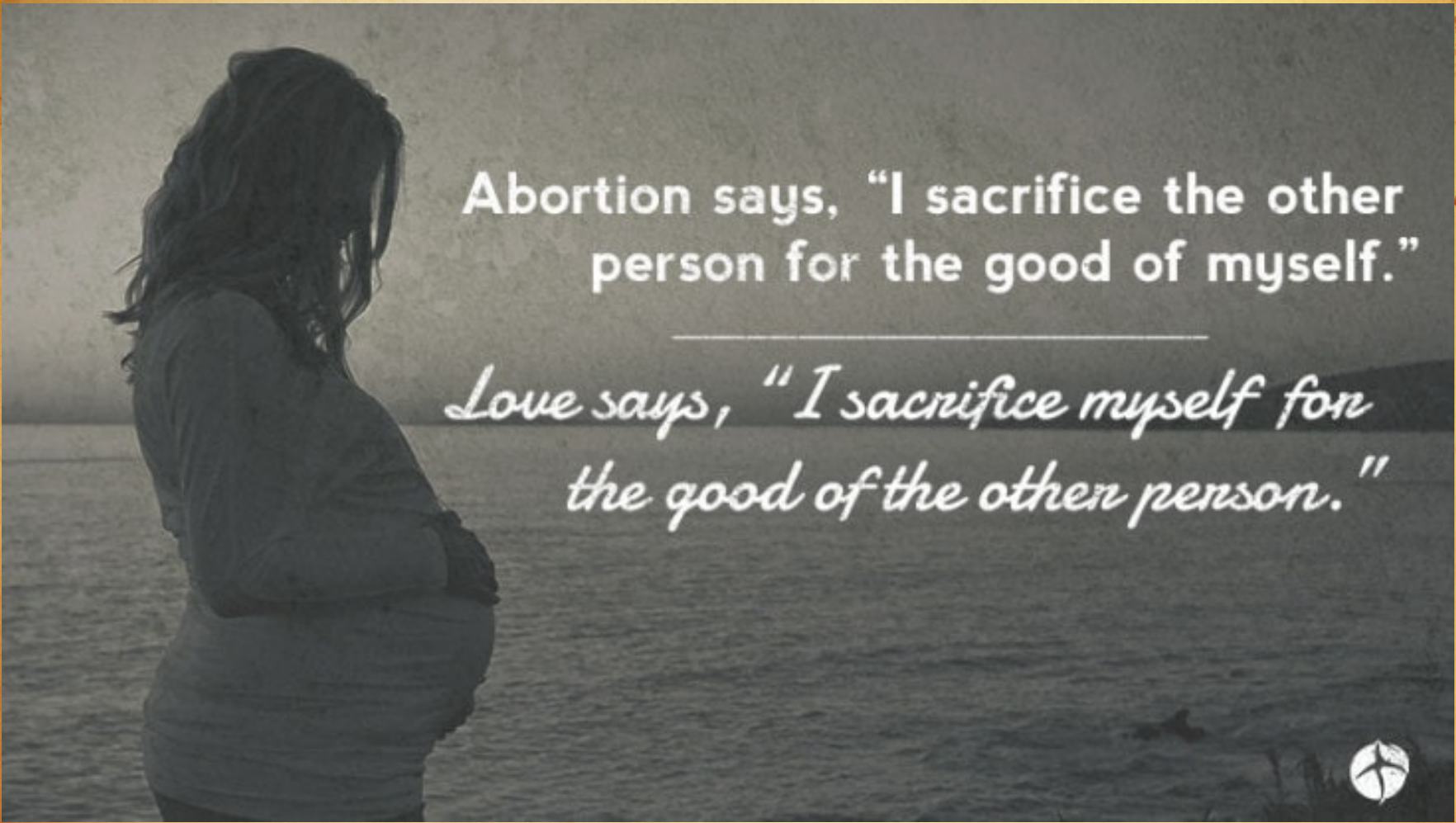
<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/what-does-the-bible-say-about-abortion.html>

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I'M A CHILD

NOT A CHOICE.

<https://quotesgram.com/img/pro-life-quotes-on-babies/9048259/>



Abortion says, "I sacrifice the other person for the good of myself."

Love says, "I sacrifice myself for the good of the other person."



<https://notashamedofthegospel.com/controversial/5-powerful-truths-about-abortion/>

Job 12:7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee;
and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes
of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not in **all these that the hand of the LORD
hath wrought this?**

10 In whose hand *is* the soul of every living thing, and the
breath of all mankind.

Resources observed

<https://www.all.org/learn/abortion/abortion-statistics/#:~:text=%20Abortion%20Statistics%20%201%20Planned%20Parenthood's%20income,%28According%20to%202010%20U.S.%20Census%29.%20%20More>

<https://notashamedofthegospel.com/controversial/5-powerful-truths-about-abortion/>

http://wholeworldinhishands.com/world/history_of_abortion.html#:~:text=The%20history%20of%20abortion%20in%20America%20can%20be,abortion%20after%20what%20was%20called%20quickenin%20%28feeling%20life%29

<https://thefedupdemocrat.home.blog/2019/06/16/dr-theresa-deishers-open-letter-on-dangers-of-mmr-vaccine/>

<https://medicalkidnap.com/2020/06/17/dr-theresa-deisher-on-the-use-of-aborted-fetal-tissue-in-vaccines-babies-are-born-at-5-6-months-old-alive-with-beating-hearts-and-no-anesthesia/>