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# God of Life

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## When does life begin?

Some people say that life begins when a baby exits the womb and takes its first breath. Many of those same people say that the fetus is just a clump of unconnected cells. In fact, this kind of thinking has been a rallying cry around those promoting abortion.

If you've had an abortion, please don't stop reading. This blog on life isn't about guilt or condemnation because in Jesus Christ, there is no condemnation. Jesus loves you and has an amazing plan for your life.

For example, I know of a woman who had two abortions and is now working for a “pregnancy life” center helping many women understand when physical life begins for the unborn child—and when spiritual life begins for themselves.

## **Back to the opening question—when does life begin?**

Years ago, when I was in a private high school, we were taught that life begins at conception. I still agree with this truth. Once a human egg is fertilized, life has begun. God has created and knit that person together in the mother’s womb just as Psalm 139:13–14 tells us.

*For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

Within that single fertilized egg lies the DNA blueprint that develops into an early embryo and onward into a fully developed human being. Included in that single cell is the color of hair, eyes, height, sex, and even inheritable diseases—all predetermined from the mother’s egg and the father’s sperm.

## **By five weeks, the baby’s heart is beating.**

At six weeks, the nose, mouth, ears, brain, and intestines are forming. By seven weeks—arms, legs, and hands are developing and by eight weeks—the baby is moving around, and their nerve cells are branching out.

The baby inhabits a part of the woman’s anatomy called the womb or uterus. Its sole purpose is to house and protect new life. Each baby is a unique individual that needs the womb to survive.

If someone were to intentionally take the baby from the womb for the purpose of ending the baby's life—that would be murder. Life had begun and to end that life is against God's commands (Exodus 20:13; Proverbs 6:17). Plus, like every human, this life is made in God's image and should be protected (Genesis 1:27).

## **Parents, in particular, have a duty to care for their children.**

Even in the US, the law requires parents to provide basic care for their children—food, shelter, and clothing. If they are unable to care for their children, placing them for adoption is a way to meet that obligation.

## **Since life begins at conception, the baby in the womb should receive basic care also.**

In fact, the basic care is provided by the cavity God created for this purpose—the womb. I would suggest that “life” isn't only a Christian issue but that it's a fundamental moral issue for the baby to be protected and cared for in the womb.

Women lobbying for abortion like to say, “It's my body and my choice.” In most cases I would agree with them. However, the baby is a separate human being and is not part of the mother's body. The baby is attached by way of an umbilical cord for nutrients and oxygen. The baby didn't ask to take up residence in the mother's womb—the mother and father consented to sexual activity that invited the new life in. They should both take responsibility.

## **What about those who did not consent but were raped?**

First of all, this an ugly and heinous crime. The perpetrators need to be held accountable and the victims need a lot of care and compassion.

However, even rape or incest victims are carrying a baby human being made in God's image. Even these—God knew before He even formed them in their mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:5). God desires they all have life and have it abundantly.

Many women who have made the difficult choice to carry their baby to term and know they made the right decision. Some have kept the baby and others have put them up for adoption. It's not easy but giving the baby an opportunity to live is a decision that God will bless.

**If you're in the middle of such a crisis right now**, search the internet for "Pregnancy Life or Care Centers." Call and make sure they offer help for you and the life you are carrying. Here is a link from Focus on the Family that may be useful:

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/pro-life/alternatives-to-abortion-pregnancy-resource-centers/>

**If you have experienced the pain and sorrow of abortion and have never asked God for forgiveness, ask Him now.**

He loves you and will forgive you completely. If you're not a believer, call on the name of Jesus to be saved from all your sins and be in relationship with God. There are believers who know your pain and want to come alongside of you. Here is a link from Focus on the Family that may be helpful: <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/get-help/post-abortive-recovery-resources/>

**Let us pray together:**

Father God, open our eyes to help pregnant mothers with life altering decisions. Fill them with your love and healing. Open our eyes and hearts to help those who have experienced abortions and fill them with Your love and healing. May we be Jesus' hands and feet with bold faith and loving hearts for all people. Amen.

Please let me know how God uses you to help others so we may glorify Him together.

## Want to Know More?

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/pro-life/facts-and-research-about-the-unborn-and-abortion/>

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