

**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)***

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

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

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

***<sup>16</sup> 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 *brephos* is used to mean: “a preborn child, embryo, fetus, a new born child, an infant, a babe.”

**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.***

***15 I 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