

Is God Pro-Choice or Pro-Life?

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So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Genesis chapter 1 verse 27 (3)

Only humans are capable of...

- conceptual thinking
- comparing & contrasting data
- creativity, imagination & artistic ability
- living with a sense of morality
- living with a sensitivity of right & wrong, fair & unfair, what is just & unjust

Only humans have an eternal soul

The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. Genesis chapter 2 verse 7 (4)

- The word "breath" is "spirit"
- God only breathed his spirit into humans. He never did this to any animal or plant life

God has planted eternity in the human heart.... Ecclesiastes chapter 3 verse 11 (506)

You must not murder. Exodus chapter 20 verse 13 (59)

This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Matthew chapter 1 verse 18 (733)

- "became pregnant" literally means "was found to be with child"

Elizabeth said, "When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy."

Luke chapter 1 verse 44 (780)

- The word "baby" is not only used to refer to unborn children, but also to an infant or young child

"What's the matter, my lord?" Hazael asked him. Elisha replied, "I know the terrible things you will do to the people of Israel. You will burn their fortified cities, kill their young men with the sword, dash their little children to the ground, and rip open their pregnant women!"

2 Kings chapter 8 verse 12 (289)

At that time Menahem...killed the entire population and ripped open the pregnant women. ...Menahem did what was evil in the Lord's sight. 2 Kings chapter 15 verses 16-18 (295)

God said, “I knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as My prophet to the nations.”

Jeremiah chapter 1 verse 5 (570)

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous, how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. 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.

Psalm 139 verses 13 - 16 (476)

- “woven together” literally means “to embroider” and refers to the smallest details

Remember this about God...

- God loves to extend grace to all of us
- **As people sinned more and more, God’s wonderful grace became more abundant.**
Romans chapter 5 verse 20 (860)
- Abortion is not the unpardonable sin. Encouraging someone to get an abortion is not the unpardonable sin
- You may continue to live with the guilt & regret of a past abortion. But, realize that thru Christ, God offers you true emotional, psychological & spiritual healing
- God not only offers us the forgiveness of our sins, he also offers us healing for our shame
- **He was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.** *Isaiah chapter 53 verse 5 (559)*

Resources

Alpha Pregnancy Services

- 1601 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146
- Office: 215-735-6028
- Hotline: 215-545-HOPE
- All services are free & confidential

Bethany Christian Services

- 1-800-BETHANY
- www.bethany.org

Let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

1 John chapter 3 verse 18 (942)

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