

QUESTION: WHEN DOES HUMAN LIFE BEGIN?

Reference: **miscellaneous Scripture**

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On **January 22, 1973**, in the legal case of **Roe versus Wade**, the US Supreme Court justices voted (7-2) to legalize abortion and that ruling continued until **June 24, 2022** when **Roe versus Wade** was overturned. The determining question between the opposing sides of the abortion debate is: at what moment does actual individual human life begin? Just when does personhood start?

The purpose of this message is to attempt to answer that question.

Definition: **Conception** is the actual _____ of the male sperm and the female egg or ovum.

Definition: An **embryo** is an unborn child from the moment of conception through the _____ trimester (i.e. the first three months of pregnancy.)

Definition: A **fetus** is an unborn child through the _____ and _____ trimesters (i.e. the remainder of the pregnancy.)

Five biblical statements (there are more!) that support the basic contention that human life begins at conception:

ONE: The Bible does not make a _____ between an unborn child and a child after birth.

Reference: **Luke 1:39-44** (see screen)

This word translated "*babe*" is from the Greek word "_____" and that ancient word was used to describe John the Baptist in his prenatal unborn state.

Reference: **Acts 7:19** (see screen)

Stephen used the word "*babies*" to describe those infant boys born to Jewish mothers that were then drowned. It's translated from that same Greek word "_____."

Luke was completely aware of the fact he used the same Greek word to describe a child in the _____ position and then a child in the _____ position.

TWO: To argue that someone does not become a person until birth is to say that God forms _____ - _____ inside the womb.

Reference: **Psalm 139:13-16 NLT** (see screen)

THREE: In the Old Testament, if a man injured a pregnant woman to the extent that her unborn child died, then the principle of _____ for _____ would be put into effect.

Reference: **Exodus 21:22-23** (see screen)

The point is that this man that had caused this fatal injury _____ be required to give his life for the life of the child if that child wasn't considered a human life.

FOUR: The universal physical reproduction law states that each thing is to reproduce after _____.

Reference: **Genesis 1:11-12** (see screen)

This phrase, "*according to its kind*" is repeated ten different times in **Genesis chapter one**.

This is called the **law of _____**, and teaches that each thing reproduces after itself. That means personhood cannot reproduce non-personhood.

FIVE: Conception is the generating agent for the _____.

Reference: **Psalm 51:5** (see screen)

The sin nature is this internal invisible susceptibility humans have toward committing sin that we have all inherited from the first man, Adam. (sometimes called the flesh, the Adamic nature, or the old man). The result of this sin nature are the practical sins we commit.

The point is that this sin nature we receive at conception is passed on to persons, not _____ - _____.

Three things to consider for those that have experienced or have contributed to an abortion.

- Understand that the nature of God is to _____ no matter what we might have done.
Reference: **Psalm 103:8 and 11** (see screen)
It is important to understand that our sin will never be greater than God's grace and mercy.
- God doesn't _____ in His forgiveness from sin.
Reference: **I John 1:7b** (see screen)
- God _____ forgiven sins; and we ought to _____ them too
Reference: **Hebrews 10:17b** (see screen)