

## QUESTION: WHEN DOES INDIVIDUAL HUMAN LIFE BEGIN?

Reference: **Miscellaneous Scripture**

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On January 22, 1973, in the legal case of **Roe vs. Wade**, the US Supreme Court justices voted (7-2) to legalize abortion and that subject and practice has been an ongoing debate since that time.

The determining question between the opposing sides of the abortion issue 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 \_\_\_\_\_ of the male sperm and the female egg or ovum.

**Definition: Embryo** is a designation assigned to an unborn child from the moment of conception through the first \_\_\_\_\_.

**Definition: Fetus** refers to an unborn child from the three-month point \_\_\_\_\_ the second and third trimesters until birth.

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

**Statement One:** The Bible does not make a \_\_\_\_\_ between an unborn child and a child after birth.

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

The word “babe” mentioned in **verses 41 and 44** is the Greek word “\_\_\_\_\_” and that ancient word is used to describe John the Baptist in his prenatal unborn state.

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

Stephen used the word “*babies*” and that word described those infant boys born to Jewish mothers that were drowned. It’s translated from the same Greek word “\_\_\_\_\_.”

Putting both passages together the same Greek word is used to describe a child in the \_\_\_\_\_ position and a child in the \_\_\_\_\_ position.

**Statement Two:** To argue that someone does not become a person until birth is to say that God forms \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ inside the womb.

Reference: **Psalms 139:13-16** (see screen)

**Statement 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)

This man \_\_\_\_\_ have been required to give his life for the life of the child if that child wasn’t considered a human life.

**Statement 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 biogenesis**, and teaches that each thing reproduces after itself. That means personhood cannot reproduce \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

**Statement Five:** Conception is the generating agent for \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**Definition:** Original sin is the \_\_\_\_\_ we all inherit as a consequence from Adam’s sin. That original sin results in an internal disposition that manifests itself in external practical acts of sin.

The point is that the sin principle is passed on to persons, not \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- Understand that the nature of God is to \_\_\_\_\_ no matter what we have done.  
Reference: **Psalms 103:8-11; Romans 5:20b** (see screen)
- God doesn’t \_\_\_\_\_ in His forgiveness from sin.  
Reference: **1 John 1:7b** (see screen)
- God \_\_\_\_\_ forgiven sins; and we should \_\_\_\_\_ them too.  
Reference: **Hebrews 10:17b** (see screen)