

GOD'S LOVE FOR THE UNBORN CHILD

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“And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with him the believers who have died. We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet him ahead of those who have died. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves. Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever. So encourage each other with these words.”

(1 Thessalonians 4:13–18, NLT)

1. THE UNBORN CHILD IS A HUMAN SOUL.

“Then 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 2:7, NLT)

Life is in God; a man and a woman have the capacity to beget life; conception is an act of human responsibility.

“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb.” (Psalm 139:13, NLT)

“Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me?”
(Luke 1:43, NLT)

If you have had an abortion or encouraged one:
God’s grace is extended towards you.

“God’s law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God’s wonderful grace became more abundant.” (Romans 5:20, NLT)

- a. Turn to God.
- b. Confess to God and a trusted person.
“We are only as sick as our secrets.” -AA
- c. Receive His forgiveness and grace.
- d. Begin again.
- e. Abstain from sex outside of marriage.

2. THE UNBORN CHILD IS CAPABLE OF RESPONDING SPIRITUALLY.

“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 1:5, NLT)

“And now the LORD speaks— the one who formed me in my mother’s womb to be his servant, who commissioned me to bring Israel back to him.”
(Isaiah 49:5a, NLT)

“You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the eyes of the Lord. He must never touch wine or other alcoholic drinks. He will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even before his birth.” (Luke 1:14–15, NLT)

“When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy.”
(Luke 1:44, NLT)

3. THE UNBORN CHILD IS AN ETERNAL BEING.

“For the believing wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the believing husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not be holy, but now they are holy.” (1 Corinthians 7:14, NLT)

“Surely you wouldn’t do such a thing, destroying the righteous along with the wicked. Why, you would be treating the righteous and the wicked exactly the same! Surely you wouldn’t do that! Should not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?” (Genesis 18:25, NLT)

“Had I died at birth, I would now be at peace. I would be asleep and at rest.” (Job 3:13, NLT)

4. THE UNBORN CHILD WILL BE RECOGNIZABLE IN HEAVEN.

“There are also bodies in the heavens and bodies on the earth. The glory of the heavenly bodies is different from the glory of the earthly bodies.”
(1 Corinthians 15:40, NLT)

“David replied, ‘I fasted and wept while the child was alive, for I said, ‘Perhaps the LORD will be gracious to me and let the child live.’ But why should I fast when he is dead? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him one day, but he cannot return to me.’” (2 Samuel 12:22–23, NLT)

“And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls at play.”
(Zechariah 8:5, NLT)

“Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking with Jesus.”
(Mark 9:4, NLT)

GROWTHWORK

- 1. Become aware that God is the progenitor of life.**
- 2. A man and a woman have the ability to beget life.**
- 3. Conception is a human responsibility.**
- 4. Life is immortal.**
- 5. Bring your child to be dedicated to the LORD.**