

# Sanctity of Life

## Hot Potatoes 1

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## Two foundational truths to give us God's perspective on human life.

### 1. God GIVES human life.

#### A. God began human life.

*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.*

—Genesis 2:7 (ESV)

#### B. God made all of us.

*Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

—Psalm 100:3 (ESV)

#### C. God purposely makes all people.

*even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.*

—Ephesians 1:4 (ESV)

### 2. God VALUES human life.

#### A. God forbids murder.

*"You shall not murder.*

—Exodus 20:13 (ESV)

#### B. God's commands protect life.

*“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.*

*—Genesis 9:6 (ESV)*

### **C. Human’s bear the image of God.**

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

*—Genesis 1:27 (ESV)*

**Defined:** it “means that each human bears His image and with it, a value beyond our unique characteristics or individual attributes. Nothing else in God’s created order has the distinction of reflecting His image; it’s a privileged status reserved only for humankind.” –Carrie Gordon Earll Senior Director, Public Policy, Focus on the Family

**Therefore, ALL human life is sacred.**

**God values the unborn as human life the entirety of its existence.**

*For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.*

*—Psalm 139:13(ESV)*

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.*

*—Jeremiah 1:5 (ESV)*

### **Other Scriptures:**

*The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.*

*—Ezekiel 18:20 (ESV)*

*Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?”*

—*Exodus 4:11 (ESV)*