- While the process described; "fearfully and wonderfully made" is a bit of a mystery, it's not random chance but a deliberate work of God.

- God's "knowing" of people goes back to the earliest stages of human development, even preceding development.

- "Your eyes saw my unformed substance" - this phrase seems to point to a time when there is no *body* but there is still something that we call a person ("my unformed substance")

The Holy Spirit and the Womb...

Luke 1:15,41

"And he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb."

- The Holy Spirit can "fill" a person even before birth.

- The unborn John the Baptist leaps for joy in the womb.

Early Christian Understanding....

The following is not scripture, but does give us an important view of how early Christians understood the importance of the unborn life.

Didache Chapter 2

"You shall not murder a child by abortion, nor kill that which is born".

In Summary....

1. Scripture demonstrates that God is relating to a person *even before* they are formed; that he is actively and personally involved in the forming and has established laws to protect life.

2. If we align ourselves with God's view on human life we will conclude that abortion is murder of human life.

3. God extends forgiveness and mercy to those who repent (change their mind) and turn to him. As a Good Father, he patiently and lovingly pursues, waits and longs for people to turn back to Him. He can heal the pain and trauma associated with abortion.

God's View On Human Life

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Various Passages

Introduction

How does God view human life?

We, as disciples of Jesus, want to, and need to, align our view on human life with God's view of human life.

In The Beginning...

Genesis 1:26-27

26Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

- God created man and woman in His image - meaning humanity possesses certain characteristics that reflect who God is and what He is like.

- This is true of human beings alone.

- "In our image", being plural, refers to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This means our ability to bear God's image is with the fullness of the Trinity in mind.

- Inside every strand of DNA, innate in every baby conceived, resides the capacity, in certain ways, to reflect and bear the image of God.

Genesis 2:4-8

4These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when they were created,
in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

5When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, 6and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— 7then 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.

- Along with being made in God's image, Scripture describes God's very personal involvement in creating man.

- God demonstrates value and care when he "formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life".

- Again, this is true of human beings alone.

Proverbs 6:16-19

16There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him:
17haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, 19a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

Protecting Human Life

Genesis 9:5-6 (See also Exodus 20:13, 21:16)

From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.
Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed,
for God made man in his own image.

- After the flood, God reaffirms that man is made in God's image.

- Here, we see the principle of *talion,* what we know as an "eye for an eye".

- To murder a human being is to murder that which resembles God.

- This isn't accidental death, or what we call manslaughter, this is intentional taking the life of an innocent person.

- In the New Testament, where Jesus helps us reinterpret the law, we see this responsibility given to human governments (Matthew 5:38; Romans 13).

The Value of the Unborn

Exodus 21:22-25

22"When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, 24eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

- This passage speaks directly to the value of the unborn.

- There is considerable debate over this passage as some parts are difficult to identify the exact meaning intended.

- The questions lie with the phrases "there is no harm"(v22) and "there is harm"(V23).

- The results of this pregnant woman being hit are either the premature birth of a live baby or a miscarriage. **In either case, there are legal consequences.**

- Some would argue, depending on how you interpret this, that are different penalties for harming the unborn baby versus the mother.

- Regardless, this passage demonstrates that God doesn't overlook the unborn child, and requires a "payment", even in the unintentional harm done to a bystander.

Psalm 139:13-16 (See also Jeremiah 1:5)

13For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
14I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well. 15My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
16Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

- *While this is poetic language, this Psalm powerfully portrays God as intimately knowing and relating to life in the womb.*

- *God is actively involved in the "forming" and "knitting" together of life.*