

ABORTION

The relationship between the unborn child and mother is not that of being adversaries, in the sense of establishing fetal “rights” vs. mother’s “rights” but of recognizing the fact that God views the unborn child as a human being. As such, both mother and child have the possibility of entering into the Christian community through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Thus their relationship becomes one of love, and one in which the Christian community seeks to express that love through the protection of both mother and child.

Try to realize what this means--the Lord is God! He made us--we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. *Psalms 100:3 TLB*

You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit them together in my mother's womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! It is amazing to think about. Your workmanship is marvelous--and how well I know it. You were there while I was being formed in utter seclusion! You saw me before I was born and scheduled each day of my life before I began to breathe. Every day was recorded in your book!

Psalms 139:13-16 TLB

“This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the LORD, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself,” *Isaiah 44:24 NIV*

“I knew you before you were formed within your mother's womb;” *Jeremiah 1:5a TLB*

And yet, O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay and you are the Potter. We are all formed by your hand. *Isaiah 64:8 TLB*

A few days later Mary hurried to the highlands of Judea to the town where Zacharias lived, to visit Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting,

Elizabeth's child leaped within her and she was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "You are favored by God above all other women, and your child is destined for God's mightiest praise." *Luke 1:39-42 TLB*

God made me in my mother's womb, and he also made them; the same God formed both of us in our mothers' wombs. *Job 31:15 NCV*

All of you people in faraway places, listen to me. Listen, all you nations far away. Before I was born, the LORD called me to serve him. The LORD named me while I was still in my mother's body. *Isaiah 49:1 NCV*

If you are a woman who has had an abortion, and is feeling far from God due to fear or guilt, our Heavenly Father offers both grace and forgiveness. We would encourage you to contact the church office for more information on our Post Abortion Support Group, and come to know the love and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is the Father who is full of mercy and all comfort. He comforts us every time we have trouble, so when others have trouble, we can comfort them with the same comfort God gives us. 2 Corinthians 1:2-4 NCV

When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! All these new things are from God who brought us back to himself through what Christ Jesus did. And God has given us the privilege of urging everyone to come into his favor and be reconciled to him. For God was in Christ, restoring the world to himself, no longer counting men's sins against them but blotting them out. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. 2 Corinthians 5:17-19 TLB