

# Blessed from the Beginning

LIFE WEEK  
2023

## Life Issues

### Chemical Abortion

- From 2004-2019, chemical abortions at 9 weeks gestation or less increased by 219.6%.
- The most current data shows that of the 930,160 abortions in the U.S., 54% were chemical abortions.

### Prenatal Diagnosis of Disability

- Positive test results for prenatal diagnoses of disabilities in the U.S. are incorrect more than 90% of the time.
- Yet, between 67% and 90% of these pregnancies end in abortion.

### Sanctity of Life

- 60% of Americans do not believe human life is sacred.
- 37% claim "life is what you make it, but it has no absolute value."
- 24% believe people are "material substance" or "part of the universe."
- 11% insist "life does not attain its full value until we reach our highest point of evolution and expression."
- 1% of Americans do not know how to appraise the value of human life.

### Prenatal Developmental Markers

- **Day 1:** Each single-cell zygote possesses its own unique genetic DNA signature identifying him or her as a distinct human being.
- **Day 14:** Embryo has developed an irreversible top and bottom, front and back, left and right.
- **Day 18:** Heart begins beating.
- **Day 23:** Brain and spinal cord are formed.
- **Day 28:** Baby has all his or her vital organs, arms, legs, and reproductive cells.
- **Day 50:** When most mothers become aware of pregnancy, the infant has a complete skeleton and over 4,000 distinct anatomical parts, equaling 90% of structures found in adults.

# His Word

"Your 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 were none of them."

Psalm 139:16

# Our Christian Response

## From the First Cell

Even single-celled zygotes constitute human persons -- even prior to implanting in mother's uterus.

## Especially People with Disabilities

All people with disabilities, such as Down syndrome, are intrinsically and immeasurably valuable to their families, congregations, and communities.

## Abortion Pill Reversal

When progesterone is started within 72 hours after taking the first abortion drug, mifepristone, 80% of babies lived to have a heartbeat at follow-up.

## Sanctity of All Human Life

All human life has an inherent dignity, worth, and sacredness that sets it apart from all other life within the world because humans are made in the image of God, thus warranting the protection of life throughout the entire course of existence.

