

What Does it Mean to be Pro-Life?

Jeremiah 1:5: Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Psalm 139:13-16: For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.

1. What one aspect of God's almighty power do these passages point to?
2. What phrases would help you determine your answer to question 1?
3. Is there any special comfort you receive from these passages?
4. What has the world lost sight of as it deals with life issues?
5. Is God pro-life? Explain

Psalm 51:5: Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

1. What kind of life is being referred to in this passage?
2. Is this life-issue important? Why/why not?
3. How does the world deal with this life-issue?
4. How will you and I deal with this life-issue?
5. What opportunity do we have when connecting with expectant mothers/parents?

I Samuel 2:6: The LORD brings death and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and raises up.

Deuteronomy 32:39: There is no god besides Me. I put to death and I bring to life.

1. What clear truth do these passages teach?
2. What life-issues do these passages address? Explain.
3. How does the world deal with these life-issues?

Psalm 31:14-15: But I trust in You, O LORD, I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hands; (deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me).

1. We often quote Psalm 31:15 when we speak about a person's birth and death. However, the word times refers to more than just those two events. When we apply this verse to more than birth and death, how does that increase our understanding of how pro-life God is?
2. Does the issue of adoption fit here? Are there any other life issues that this

- passage speaks to? Why?
3. Should we be pro-life or "pro-life"?

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