

## They Are Made in God's Image For a Purpose

“God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it...’ God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good.” —Genesis 1:27–31

Today universally, because of our culture and lack of protection, many female individuals find themselves in a situation of pregnancy without a spouse. Where they are criticized, and where their growing children are also unprotected.

It is agreed that today there exists in this world single pregnant ladies. However, some people believe that communities should support each single pregnant woman and her growing child, while other people argue that communities should not support them.

All communities should support each single mother and the growing child she carries in her womb for three important reasons: It is the right thing to do, it is God's will, and infants are humans.

The first reason that all communities should support each single mother and the growing child she carries in her womb is because it is the right thing to do. Pre-born babies are innocent, vulnerable, and defenseless, God has a purpose for every single human life, and from the very beginning of conception, that being is a human. Through all of their life: infancy, adolescence, and adulthood, they are a human. Since pre-born children cannot defend themselves, it is our privilege and duty to do so for them.

The second reason that all communities should support each single mother and the growing child she carries in her womb is because it is God's will. It is the fulfillment of God's law to help those in need. She is made with intention in God's image. We can even see an example of how God Himself handles these situations in the history book of Genesis, where Ishmael was conceived through sin, yet God protected all the members in that situation. God loves us even though we sin.

The third reason that all communities should support each single mother and the growing child she carries in her womb is because infants are humans. They have souls, spirits and special hearts. Pre-born babies are purposefully knit together in their mother's womb, and made in God's image most fearfully and wonderfully. As the changing seasons of the years refresh, challenge, and bless the earth, so are children a great blessing.

Sadly some people disagree and think that communities should not support each single mother and the child she carries in her womb. They argue that there is no human in her womb. "It's just pregnancy tissue." "It was an unlucky mistake." Yet this is insufficient, because the Bible tells us that God knit us together with intention from the womb. When do you become a human if not from conception?

In addition people argue that communities should not support each single mother and the child she carries in her womb because pregnancy interrupts her future. With shame on her and her family, her pursuits will be ruined or put on hold perhaps forever as she will be burdened the rest of her life with someone else to care for, sucking up all her energy. However, this is inadequate because many women have persevered in their callings while nurturing a child at the same time. In fact, there is

sufficient evidence to believe that not only is mothering while following dreams possible, yet there is more fulfillment and joy for the mother when she is caring for someone else!

Thus, neither of the arguments that there is no human in her womb, nor that pregnancy interrupts her future are persuasive enough for justifying the termination of a human's life.

In conclusion, all communities should support each single mother and her growing child because it is the right thing to do, it is God's will, and infants are humans. Not only do all need to receive support, but we cannot live unless we learn to give support.