

In His Hands

Why am I pro-life?

When does life begin? Does it begin when a newborn baby slides out into this broken world? Does it begin when it is still in its mother's womb, a tiny fetus sucking on its toes? I believe life begins at conception, when out of the union between man and woman, a life is planted within the mother's womb. Some say that it is only a group of cells and not a life nor a child but every beat of the mother's heart sends her blood flowing into the little one cradled inside her. Even before it has a heart of its own, it's mother's heart keeps it alive, nurturing it. The Bible says in Leviticus 17:11, "the life of the flesh is in the blood". She and the baby share that life. Because the mother lives, the baby lives also. Whether conceived in joy or in terror, the infant is life, shares life, and holds on to life. It cannot be blamed for anything. That child is made in the image of God, precious, irreplaceable, a part of the mother and father. Yet with one pill, one visit to a clinic, that life can be gone forever.

When is life so wretched that to end it is considered a mercy or a kindness? Is suffering a reason for death? Many today are enduring indescribable pain and bodily weakness from sickness, disease or injury. But as a Christian, I do not see agony as a cause for someone to end their life, or to ask others to end it. Those who are hurting might see their lives as hopeless, as too hard to endure, but I see it differently. Each man is free and all are equal, but none have the authority to end a life, even their own. It is in God's hands to give life and to take it. He alone is the One who holds and shapes every life, and who are we to cross him? He has a reason for our sorrow,

though we might not see it. Pain is hard to bear, but if we look to Jesus, he will lift us higher, and if we trust him, we will go to be with Him in His timing. Yet even now, more countries around our globe are making it possible for people to be put out of their misery. I fear it may not be long before euthanasia is made legal under the guise of a kindness, and even people who have no desire to die will be killed.

This is why I am pro-life: every human being was created by God for a purpose. Every life is a priceless gift, not to be thrown out like so much trash. Every single person on this earth, no matter small, how weak, or pain-filled, each one of us is held in His hands.