

Conclusion:

1. Can there be any agreement between the pro-life and pro-choice groups?
2. In what ways can the followers of Jesus work to help avoid abortions?
3. To those people who have had an abortion...

“Man is made in God’s image, each human being is of infinite value and is to be cared for and nurtured. We should relate to others in love and justice—opposing that which destroys, oppresses, demeans, or manipulates, and fostering that which restores, upbuilds, and affirms. God’s plan for all human family calls for wholesome, growing relationships among all persons; it forbids abusive and destructive behavior.”

(Articles of Faith and Doctrine, Brethren in Christ Church)

“The development of a fetus within the womb is predictable. By the twenty-second day after conception, the heart begins to beat, and during weeks four and five, brain regions are actively forming. Neuronal links are formed so well that by seven weeks, the human embryo responds to touch by moving. By week twelve a human fetus can move arms and legs independently. The marvel of a developing fetus reflects the creative work of God in the unfolding of a unique individual.”

(Accents and Issues, Brethren in Christ Church)

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Pastor Alan Robinson, October 19, 2008

Genesis 1:26-31 (church Bible page 1)

(26) Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

(27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

(28) God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

(29) Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. (30) And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

(31) God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

Genesis 9:5-6 (church Bible page 6)

(5) And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting for every animal. And for each man too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man.

(6) “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.”

Matthew 25:40 (church Bible page 702)

‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’