

Grace Mail

President Ronald Reagan proclaimed January 22 as “National Sanctity of Human Life Day. The Sunday before this date has been designated by many churches as “Sanctity of Life Sunday.”

Why do we as Bible believing Christians hold that every human life is sacred?

In God’s Image – Genesis 1:27

“So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

Human beings, both male and female, are in the image and likeness of God. This serves as the basis for our belief that human life is sacred.

We are image-bearers of God!

When does this image-bearing begin?

There are many Scripture passages that could be used to answer that question. Perhaps the clearest passage is *Psalm 139:14-16* which states *“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.”*

In this Psalm David declares that God knew exactly who he would be when his substance was unformed. Because of this passage, and many others, we believe that life begins at conception. From that moment forward, you are a living human being made in the image and likeness of God.

Because human life begins at conception, all life is sacred. God has a reason, plan, and purpose for all life from conception to grave.

The purpose and plan of God and His sovereignty over all life demands that the sanctity of life also include the elderly and those born with any disease.

Human life is sacred because we are made in the image and likeness of God.

Human life is sacred because it is created and formed by God Himself for His reasons, plans, and purposes.

Your life is sacred. God has a plan for you. Defend the sanctity of all life and serve Him until He calls you home.