

ACC Sermon Series
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Sex, marriage & singleness

Sermon 10 of 10



ABORTION

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Psalm

139:13–18

**A procedure which ends the life
of the baby in the womb 子宮**

BIBLE:

WE ARE NOT TO INTENTIONALLY TAKE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER HUMAN BEING

/ Exodus 20:13

(repeated & reinforced in NT with Mt. 5:21-22 & Rom. 13:9)

“You shall not murder.”

/ Lev. 19:18

(repeated & reinforced in NT with Mt. 22:39 & Gal. 5:14)

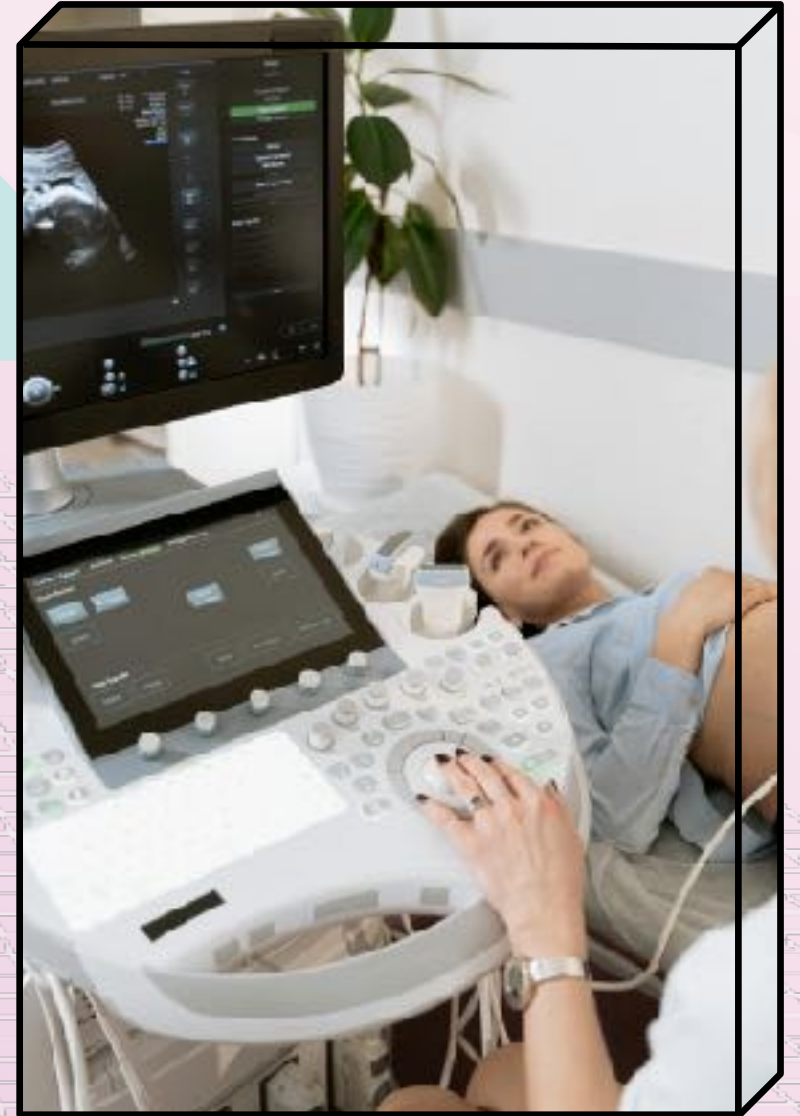
“Love your neighbour as yourself.”



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT BABIES BEING HUMAN

“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...”

Psalms 139:13–16b



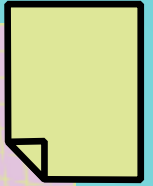
WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT BABIES BEING HUMAN

“If people are fighting and hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise.” Exodus 21:22–25

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.” Luke 1:41



WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT BABIES BEING HUMAN



“Then God said, ‘Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness...’ Genesis 1:26

“Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.”

Genesis 9:6





The unborn are
distinct, living and
whole human beings

EMBRYOS ARE PEOPLE:

1. Their cells reproduce
2. They metabolise
3. They respond to stimuli
4. Are a distinct, separate entity from their mother
5. Have their own unique genetic code which is different to parents
6. Have their own gender
7. Have their own blood type

FROM 8 WEEKS BABIES CAN:

1. Suck their thumb
2. Recoil from pain
3. Respond to sound
4. All organs are present
5. Brain is functioning
6. Heart is pumping
7. Liver is making blood cells
8. Kidneys are cleaning
9. Has a unique fingerprint

BABIES AND PERSONHOOD

Being small doesn't make you not a person

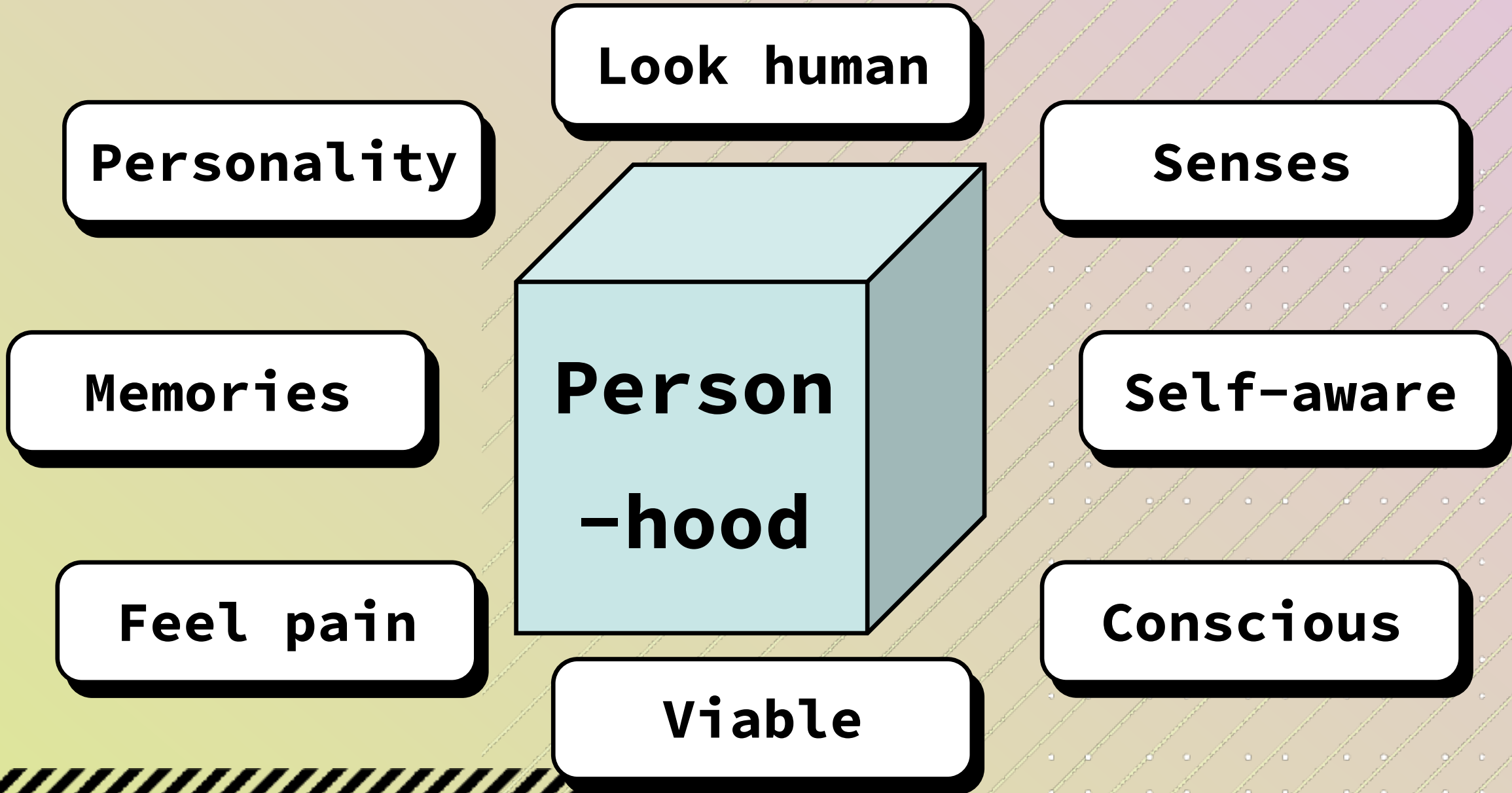
Being undeveloped doesn't make you not a person

Being in a particular environment doesn't make you not a person

Being dependent doesn't make you not a person



BABIES & PERSONHOOD



**“But wait! It’s
not as simple as
that! What about..”**



Abortion?

BUT WHAT ABOUT IF THE PREGNANCY MEANS THE MOTHER'S LIFE IS IN DANGER?



If continuing the pregnancy would mean the mother will die, then a termination should be permitted.

Why? Because of the intent: to save life

Abortion?

BUT WHAT ABOUT RAPE WHICH RESULTS IN PREGNANCY?



Should we kill the child for their father's crime?

A human isn't any less human because of how they were conceived.

Abortion?

BUT WHAT ABOUT IF THE BABY IS NOT WANTED?



Is it better for the baby to be dead than unwanted?

Is being wanted the basis for the right to life?

Abortion?

BUT WHAT ABOUT IF THE WOMAN CAN'T AFFORD TO RAISE HER CHILD AND IT WILL BE BORN INTO POVERTY?



Is it better for the baby to be dead than to experience poverty? Should we get rid of children who live in poverty today?

Abortion?

BUT WHAT ABOUT IF THE BABY HAS A DISABILITY?



**In the UK it is legal
to abort babies up to
term who have club
foot, cleft palate &
Downs Syndrome.**

Is this OK?

Abortion?



BUT WHAT ABOUT ‘MY BODY MY CHOICE?’



**But what about the
baby’s body?**

**Does it get a
choice?**

Does it have rights?

Abortion?



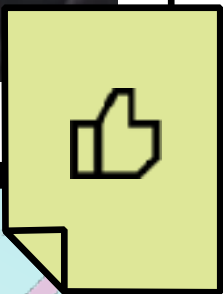
BUT WHAT ABOUT ‘NO UTERUS NO OPINION?’



Are men allowed to have an opinion about human rights?

Are unborn babies human?

OUR RESPONSE TO WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ABORTION



GET THINKING

Have you thought it through?

GET COMPASSIONATE

Let's communicate with compassion

GET PRAYING

Because prayer is powerful

GET LOVING

Unborn & women who've had an abortion

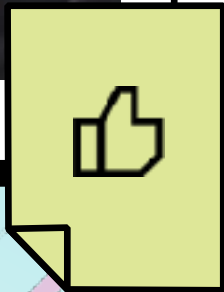
GET INFORMED

Books in lobby are free

GET ACTIVE

Campaign or volunteer

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RESOURCES:

Free books in lobby

cbruk.org

Life Is Best course

spuc.org.uk

lifecharity.org.uk

