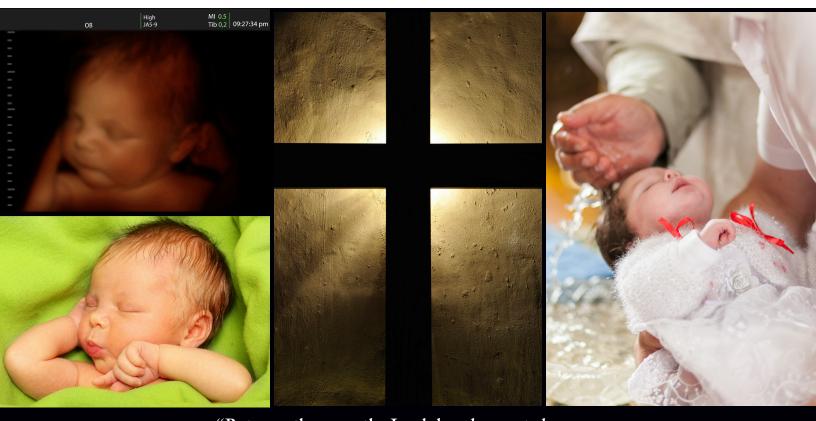
Created • Redeemed • Called



"But now thus says the Lord, he who created you ...
'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine" (Isaiah 43:1).



God gives human life value and NOTHING ELSE MATTERS! Unfortunately, we live in a culture that says EVERYTHING ELSE MATTERS!

Our culture says human value comes from looking good, feeling good, and doing good. Our culture bases human value upon what we are able to do or not do. But God bases human value upon what He has done—created, redeemed, called!

Every human being is created by God. "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" (Psalm 139:13-14 NIV).

Every human being is redeemed by God. "Care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood" (Acts 20:28b).

Everyone is someone for whom God, in the person of Jesus, shed His blood on the cross!

Every human being is someone God desires to call to faith. "Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:3).

Everyone is someone God wants to splash in the waters of Holy Baptism!

Everyone is handmade by God!

So it doesn't matter whether you are an embryo in a Petri dish or a baby in a womb, whether you are healthy or infirm, whether you can think clearly or can't think at all. Everyone has value because of what God has done—created, redeemed, and called. And don't forget—that means **YOU TOO!** This is why we are for, speak up for, and affirm **LIFE!** It has nothing to do with political or social agendas. It has everything to do with what God has done!

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