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These few words from the Apostles’ Creed point to the divinity of Jesus. He was God in the flesh from the moment of conception.

The Purpose of the Incarnation

These words also point to our humanity from the moment of conception. The Psalmist writes, “**Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**” (Psalm 51:5).

If we are sinful from the moment of conception, we are human beings from that moment and are in need of salvation. Jesus began as we began and passed through all the stages of our development to redeem us from our sinful condition.

The Implications of the Incarnation

Jesus passing through all the stages of human development gives value to all human life in all stages of that development. Jesus being “conceived by the Holy Spirit” enables us to joyfully proclaim and defend the precious worth of all human life from the moment of conception.

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