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VOTING ON ABORTION- WHAT IS A "PERSON"?

"Voters in Mississippi will head to the polls Tuesday to vote on a "personhood" amendment that would designate a fertilized egg as a person – a move that would likely have the effect of outlawing abortion and, if you believe opponents, all kinds of other unintended consequences, such as criminalizing abortion and possibly restricting birth control and in-vitro fertilization. It could even criminalize a pregnant cancer patient's chemotherapy, if you believe opponents." [the-abortion-rights-powder-keg/2011/11/07/](#)

What do you think? How does a Biblical Christian define a "person"?

A human being comes into existence at the moment of conception. A human being is a person. The Image of God in every human being is what makes us "persons" and gives each of us our infinite value, consists of ways in which we are "like" our Creator. Simply put, we human beings are persons because we have the faculties for reasoning, creativity, morality and communality (living in community with others) and especially, spirituality (living in relationship with God). Although these faculties are only incipient in babies, they are nevertheless real and must be valued, preserved, nurtured and developed. Because we have these God-given faculties, humans have the ability to do marvelous things. But these same wonderful faculties are also radically fractured and limited by sin within from birth (Eph. 2:1-3). The Good News is these faculties, this Image of God within, this person-hood, can be redeemed, restored in Christ and improved by the grace of God and to His Glory. Thus the infinite value of every embryo.

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