

When does the Lord choose to place the soul into the flesh body? At conception or birth?

This controversial question tends to generate some very heated arguments among certain groups of people. Some believe the soul is placed in the body at the time of birth, while others believe that it takes place at the time of conception.

But wait... what does the Bible have to say about this controversial subject?

The answer to this very important question is undeniably located within the first chapter of Luke's gospel during the actual conception of Jesus Christ (Luke 1:35). So let's take a closer look at what gospel writer Luke has to say:

Luke 1:35 – Gabriel, the angel of God, is speaking to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and says, "The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest (that's God) shall overshadow thee: wherefore that holy Thing (child) which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

The actual conception of Jesus Christ takes place at this time!

Moving on... a few days later, Mary, the mother of Jesus, decides to travel to her Cousin Elisabeth's house to help out during Elisabeth's pregnancy. Elisabeth, an older woman, was at this time six months pregnant with John the Baptist.

By the way... Elisabeth was Mary's mother's first cousin from the tribe of Levi!

What happens next? Mary enters into the home of Elisabeth and immediately extends forth a greeting, and upon hearing the greeting, the babe (John the Baptist) leaps for joy in Elisabeth's womb (Luke 1:39-44). Absolutely amazing!

Now... here are some interesting facts regarding this true Biblical account:

First... the six month old child (John the Baptist) in Elisabeth's womb is fully able to express an emotion of joy upon hearing Mary's greeting. Very interesting! How can an unborn child with presumably no soul express an emotion? It can't!

(Please note: The soul contains the mind, the will and the emotions...)

Second... the six month old child in Elisabeth's womb is expressing an emotion of joy for a reason. What reason? He senses the actual presence of Jesus in Mary's womb. Remember, Jesus was conceived only days prior to this event!

Question... how can the actual presence of Jesus Christ in Mary's womb (an unborn fetus) be sensed by another unborn fetus (John the Baptist) if all souls are placed in the body at the time of birth, and not conception? Good question!

I believe the above observations help to provide us with a solid Biblical answer to our important question, "When does the Lord choose to place the soul in the flesh body? At conception or birth?" The Biblical answer is: At conception!