What happens to infants who die?

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The Bible describes babies in the womb as people:

- Genesis 25:22
- Job 10:11
- Psalm 51:5
- Psalm 139:13-14
- Luke 1:43-44

Life begins at conception.

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Every year in the US, there are

- 600,000 miscarriages
- 24,000 stillbirths
- 20,000 cases of infant mortality
- 894,000 abortions

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- Because every child is "conceived in sin" (Psalm 51:5)
- Because every human carries guilt from Adam (Romans 5:12)
- Because infants are incapable of faith (Romans 10:9-10)

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- God claimed to own the infants who died (Ezekiel 16:20-21).
- God will only condemn those who are without excuse (Romans 1:20).
- Jesus blessed small children (Matthew 19:13-15).
- David was certain he'd be reunited with his infant son (2 Samuel 12:22-23).

"In some mysterious manner
the Spirit of God regenerates the infant soul,
and it enters into glory
made meet to be a partaker
of the inheritance of the saints in light...."

"...Even before the intellect can work, God, who worketh not by the will of man, nor by blood, but by the mysterious agency of his Holy Spirit, creates the infant soul a new creature in Christ Jesus, and then it enters into the 'rest which remaineth for the people of God."

— Charles Spurgeon

"Salvation is all by grace.

There is no clearer manifestation of this truth than the gift of eternal life to a helpless, lost infant.

The saving grace given to an infant who has no part whatsoever in his salvation is a perfect example of salvation."

— John MacArthur

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- Only those who've trusted Jesus will experience the wonderful family reunion.
- Every follower of Jesus should value every human.

Christianity provides the foundation for human dignity and equality.