



In Word and Deed

“Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” Colossians 3:17

Biola University is committed to being faithful to God’s Word, and to thinking biblically about everything — including abortion. We pray you can find our words and deeds in the following.

Our [Doctrinal Statement](#):

“The Bible is clear in its teaching on the sanctity of life. Life begins at conception. We abhor the destruction of innocent human life through abortion on demand, infanticide or euthanasia as unbiblical and contrary to God’s will. Life is precious and in God’s hands.”

Our [Student Handbook](#):

“The University wants to assist those involved in an unplanned pregnancy while at Biola to consider the options available to them within the Christian moral framework. These include marriage of the parents, single parenthood, or offering the child for adoption. We believe the Bible is clear in its teaching on the sanctity of human life, and that life begins at conception; we therefore abhor the destruction of innocent life through abortion-on-demand. Student Development stands ready to help those involved to cope effectively with the complexity of needs which a crisis pregnancy presents. Additional support is available through the Biola Counseling Center, the Health Center, along with academic and other support services. While some students in these circumstances may choose to leave the University temporarily, it is our hope that any student who chooses to continue in classes during the pregnancy will find Biola to be a supportive and redemptive community during this crucial time.”

Our classrooms:

The sanctity of human life is taught and affirmed throughout Biola’s curriculum — particularly in (but not limited to) numerous courses on theology, ethics, political science, nursing, biology, psychology and sexuality. In addition, Biola regularly hosts conferences and events to support the pro-life cause. Some of these courses and conferences are available to the public as free videos on Biola’s [Open Biola](#) website, including:

- Dr. Scott Rae’s [“Church and Society”](#) course, featuring lectures on abortion, unwanted pregnancy, reproductive ethics and biotechnology.
- Dr. Chris Grace’s lecture on [fetal brain development](#), from his “Introduction to Psychology” course.
- Dr. Erik Thoennes’ lecture on the [image of God](#), from his “Theology 1” course.
- The [“Ethics at the Edge of Life”](#) conference, with Dr. Scott Rae and Scott Klusendorf

Our chapel messages:

Biola regularly welcomes representatives of pro-life causes to speak in chapel and other student events. As one example, in 2009, the university devoted an entire week of chapel sessions and events to “Sanctity of Life” week, which featured lectures about abortion from Dr. J.P. Moreland, Dr. Scott Rae, Dr. La Verne Tolbert (who recently addressed the issue

again on campus in 2013), Rachele Flores (Women's Pregnancy Center), David Lee (Justice for All) and abortion survivor Gianna Jessen.

Our publications:

Biola regularly seeks to promote biblical thinking on the sanctity of human life through its publications. Two recent examples include:

- [“Forty Years After Roe, How Should We Think About Abortion?”](#) *Biola Magazine* Winter 2013 interview with Dr. Scott Rae.
- [“Opting for Adoption.”](#) *Biola Magazine* Winter 2012 profile of alumnus Jeff Slack.

Our defense of religious freedom:

In August 2012, Biola [filed a federal lawsuit](#) to challenge the Obama administration's unconstitutional mandate that faith-based employers provide insurance coverage for abortifacient drugs at no cost to employees regardless of religious or moral objections.

Our student ministries:

Biola encourages its students to be active in service and ministry to the surrounding community; for many, this includes involvement in pro-life causes. Many Biola students can be found volunteering at crisis pregnancy centers, participating in [prayer campaigns](#), raising awareness, and participating in the political process.

Our faculty experts:

Many of Biola's faculty members are active supporters of the pro-life cause, offering their expertise and service at speaking engagements, in the media, in their churches and in nonprofit organizations. Faculty members have also authored numerous books and articles on abortion-related issues. A partial list of faculty members who regularly engage this topic can be found on [Biola's faculty expert page](#).

In each of these areas, and others, Biola University demonstrates its commitment to a biblical understanding of the sanctity of life. Biola has always been and will always be committed to supporting the pro-life movement and accommodating campus dialogue on the subject.

Thank you for supporting Biola University through prayer for our community: faculty, staff and students who care deeply for the needs of our society and who seek earnestly, with respect and integrity, to serve our Lord Jesus with conviction and courage.