



Unplanned Pregnancy

I'm curious about Unplanned Pregnancy. You have the right piece of paper in your hands. We have taken the time to put this together so you can understand what God thinks about an unplanned pregnancy. You'll also have a chance to dig into the Bible for yourself!

Definition

Unplanned Pregnancy: An Unplanned Pregnancy is a pregnancy that occurs when someone is unprepared for it. Sometimes this occurs when people were not planning to get pregnant. Other times people plan to get pregnant but are unprepared for being a parent.

If you are a pregnant teenager, know that God loves you so dearly and that this does not disqualify you from His grace and having a wonderful, fulfilling life!

What Should You Do?

If you are dealing with an Unplanned Pregnancy the first thing you need to do is to get help from a caring adult who will give you good Christian advice: your parents, a CSM volunteer or CSM staff person. Even if you think your parents will not respond well to you telling them this, they need to know. The adult can help you decide how best to do this and will help you with the pregnancy. After you have told a caring adult they can help process with you what you would like to do.

Three options

There are typically three options that people consider regarding Unplanned Pregnancy.

The first option is to keep the baby and become a parent, this is not easy by any means! But with the right circumstances, family help and disciplined structure this can be a great success.

The second option is to consider giving the baby up for adoption. Many teenagers consider this to be the best option available.

The third option that people consider is abortion. Now, if you are reading this and you have already had an abortion, please know that God deeply values you and cares about you and is saddened for the difficult decision that you had to make. God still loves you. While at the same time, it would be wrong if we didn't tell you what

the Bible teaches about abortion. The Bible teaches that life begins upon conception. Psalm 139:13 says "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." Before the baby ever takes a breath God has a plan for them. Therefore if a baby is aborted, their life is ending prematurely by the hand of someone else, this is called killing, which makes it a sin against God and He is greatly saddened and offended by this. Again, God can forgive you for this if it has already happened. He desires to care for you and walk with you through the pain of this great loss; you should not feel guilty if His forgiving blood has washed over you.

Is an Unplanned Pregnancy a Sin?

The Bible does not teach that an Unplanned Pregnancy is a sin but it does teach that sex outside of marriage is a sin. While the actual pregnancy is not sin it may be a result of a sinful choice.

What Does God Think?

The first thing most people think when this happens is that God hates them. But this is not true. God loves you and cares about you. He is willing to forgive you. If you have already admitted your sin to God, He has forgiven you. If you haven't yet admitted to Him your sin all you have to do is admit it and He will forgive you. "But if we confess our sins to him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness." 1 John 1:9. It doesn't matter if you have had an abortion, already had an unplanned pregnancy, or have one now. God loves you and can forgive you.

If You Want Help from CSM

You can call the office Monday through Thursday at (512) 863-6576 and talk with someone on staff. Or you can talk with a staff member during one of the weekend services, **Sunday** from at 8:30am-12pm. We would love to help you during this time.

Going Deeper

Read and reflect on Psalm 139:13-16. Think about how God views babies in the womb.