

## **Artificial Reproductive Technology (ART) Position Statement**

As a Christian organization we affirm that the use of Artificial Reproductive Technologies (ART) must adhere to biblical principles and ethics, operating within the framework of the biblical family, where children are conceived within the context of marriage (between one biological male and one biological female). Modern society and medicine have sought to decouple “sexual activity from pregnancy, pregnancy from birth, and biological procreation from social and legal parenthood” with the goal “to make procreation a choice unbounded by biology” ([from "A Comprehensive Report on the Risks of ART"](#)).

Therefore, it is the position of GRTL to support only those reproductive technologies that uphold the recognition and protection of the personhood of every innocent human being, from the moment of fertilization, regardless of age, developmental stage, or environment. Fertility is a blessing from God, not merely a human choice. The dignity of all human beings, born and preborn, must be upheld.

Morally unethical ART procedures include harvesting eggs from a woman’s ovaries and sperm from a man’s body to create children. These children may be implanted into a woman’s body, frozen for later use, sold, or donated for embryo adoption or scientific research.

ART is acceptable only if it assists the natural act of intercourse between a married biological man and woman to achieve pregnancy. ART should never separate the marital act from procreation. Furthermore, we assert that the collection of male sperm must not involve the use of pornography, as the Bible teaches that lust is an act of adultery in the heart (Matthew 5:27-28, Exodus 20:17, Proverbs 6:25).

We support the immediate legal prohibition of any practice that ends the life of an innocent preborn child. We also advocate for the prohibition of any practice that relies on unnatural means to mimic the creation of human life or commodifies the human embryos or gametes.

While GRTL sympathizes deeply with couples facing infertility and those who may seek ART such as in vitro fertilization (IVF), these practices pose a threat to the lives of children at the embryonic stage. Additionally, separating the marital bond, sex, and procreation violates God’s design and unified nature of biblical marriage. Adoption of a child post-birth in cases of infertility provides a family for the orphan and children to love for the parents.

We also recognize the urgent need for ethical solutions for embryos that are currently frozen or abandoned. GRTL promotes resolving this issue by encouraging the adoption of existing embryos by families until no abandoned embryos remain. GRTL advocates for legal and ethical boundaries in the realm of restorative reproductive technologies that affirm the sanctity of all human life and protection of the biblical marriage bond.