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An unborn child twenty weeks from conception.

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A Speck and a Spectacle by Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb

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There, in that **"secret"** place (Psalm 139:15 ESV), the feet that walked on coats and branches were **"intricately woven."** There God knit the hands that would break the bread and bless the wine, and be pierced for our iniquities. There the Father formed the brow that sweat blood, bore thorns, and bowed in death. There God shaped the tiny heart that would painfully beat its last, and the blood that would flow into a cleansing flood. There God made the body He Himself would forsake in the darkness of the day, a body to be buried in the darkness of a tomb—and then raised in glorious victory over the darkness.

What sorrowful joy to know that our Savior not only took our place and our sin upon a cross, but took our place in a womb where our sinfulness began (Psalm 51:5). The holy Son of God takes the place of the unholy from womb to tomb that we might share in the holiness of His resurrection victory!

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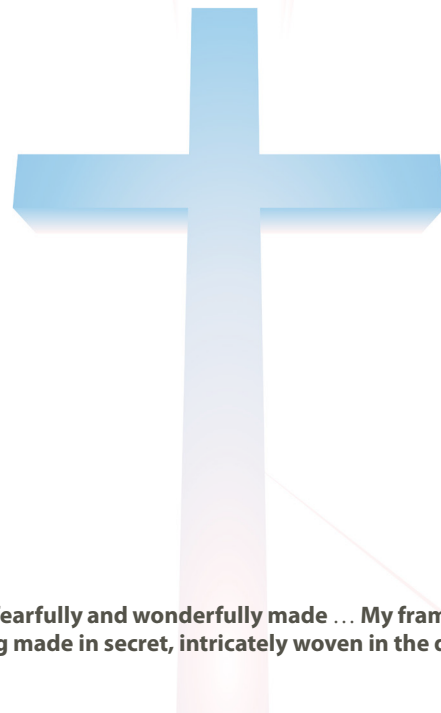
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