

# Bioethics and the Christian Life

## QUESTIONS: WEEK 9

### Chapter 5 – Assisted Reproduction (129-145) Part 2

1. What is a “third party” in infertility treatment? What are the three basic options? (130)
2. What is the most fundamental moral dilemma posed by the third party options? (131)
3. While there is no explicit biblical command prohibiting the third party option what biblical considerations would stop Christians from pursuing such a course? (131-2)
4. What bearing does the seventh commandment have on third party options? (132-3)
5. What impact does third-party parenthood have on family relationships? (134)
6. How important is our “natural generation”? To adopted people? (134)
7. What great moral question does third-party parenthood raise? (134-5)
8. In what sense are procreative assets commodified in third-party scenarios? (135-6)
9. Should unmarried Christians consider artificial insemination or IVF? Why or why not? (136)
10. If all of the four concerns regarding third-party parenthood are answered what other moral questions might be raised by AIH (husband’s sperm inserted in wife’s womb) or IVF? (136-8)
11. How should Christians respond to this argument? (136-8)
12. What makes IVF a more difficult moral choice? (138)
13. Since Christians believe that an embryo is a person made in God’s image, how does IVF become morally problematic? (139)
14. Is it possible to avoid this moral problem? (139-40)
15. What wisdom considerations impinge of IVF as an option? (140-1)
16. What objections to this reasoning might be raised? (141)
17. Would it be wise to enlist a surrogate mother for the frozen embryo? (141)
18. What does VanDrunen conclude about a Christian couple using IVF? (141-2)
19. What does the process of human cloning involve? (142)
20. Would a cloned person have a soul? (142)
21. Assuming that the cloning of embryos for research is immoral, how should Christians evaluate its possible use in bringing a child into the world? (143)
22. Are there morally sound reasons for a person chose such an option for bringing human beings into the world? List some unsound reasons. (143-4)
23. What would it be like to live as a clone? (143-4).