

GOT LIFE?

If you are alive today, thank your mother. Really, if she is still living, call her and thank her. Now. She chose to give you life. Remarkable? It is when our culture thinks so little of life, where it comes from, and why it matters. What do you think about life? Do others know?

Some claim about 2 million deaths worldwide from 'coronavirus' (disputed due to markedly different procedures in reporting cause of death). People hear a lot about the travesty of 6 million Jews killed in the Holocaust during WWII. Then on January 22, 1973 the Supreme Court found a so-called right to privacy that 'legalized' the abortion of pre-born children.

Yet few people seem to notice the slaughter of 66 million babies in the womb since then, "not because a Hitler is orchestrating it, but because we're doing it ourselves, to our own children. And there's a deadly silence in the land about that," observes theologian RC Sproul.

1- PROCLAMATION OF LIFE - Today, January 22, is National Sanctity of Human Life Day. President Trump issued the proclamation that few in the media will pass along.

"Every human life is a gift to the world. Whether born or unborn, young or old, healthy or sick, every person is made in the holy image of God. The Almighty Creator gives unique talents, beautiful dreams, and a great purpose to every person. On National Sanctity of Human Life Day, we celebrate the wonder of human existence and renew our resolve to build a culture of life where every person of every age is protected, valued, and cherished," he proclaimed.

Due to pro-life efforts, over the last decade the rate of abortions has steadily decreased, and more than three out of every four Americans now support restrictions on abortion.

2- PROTECTION OF LIFE - Being pro-life extends from natural conception to natural death. "As a Nation, restoring a culture of respect for the sacredness of life is fundamental to solving our country's most pressing problems," said Trump. This includes adoption, foster care, research, health services for single mothers. A recent presidential Executive Order "defends the truth that every newborn baby has the same rights as all other individuals to receive life-saving care."

Trump renewed his call on Congress "to pass legislation prohibiting late-term abortion" and "to join me in protecting and defending the dignity of every human life, including those not yet born. I ask every citizen of this great Nation to listen to the sound of silence caused by a generation lost to us, and then to raise their voices for all affected by abortion, both seen and unseen."

3- PRESERVATION OF LIFE - "Nothing is politically right that is morally wrong" is a quote by abolitionist Daniel O'Connell and displayed at the Iowa capitol. New Iowa Senate President Jake Chapman appealed to this, and added, "today there is little that can be argued as more horrendous, more objectionable, and more morally wrong than to take innocent life."

"Regrettably, five unelected judges, with the stroke of a pen fabricated a constitutional right to abortion. This egregious usurpation of power will not be left unchecked. It is our responsibility, it is our oath-bound duty, to rightfully propose to the people of Iowa a constitutional amendment."

Urge your Iowa legislators to support the "Protect Life Amendment" which will affirm that "the State of Iowa does not recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or require the public funding of abortion." This would end radical judicial overreach at your expense.

4- PRO-ETERNAL LIFE - Our purpose as disciples of Jesus Christ, the Lord of Life, is not just to save physical lives, but eternal souls. Apart from Christ, people are "*spiritually dead in sins*" (Ephesians 2:1-10). But "*God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life*" (John 3:16-18).

Our Maker is our Redeemer, giver of eternal life. Trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, being born again from above by the Holy Spirit (John 1:11-13, 3:3). "*This is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life*" (1John 5:11-13).

Have you got life in Christ? Then make sure others do too. That's being pro-eternal life! ☐