

Holy Spirit & America the Beautiful

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

Sound of Freedom; Anna Jung

Intro - **June 24** was the one year anniversary of the catalytic **Dobbs decision** — **overturning Roe v Wade**. **Celebrating** Life; Tuesday is the **247th** anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Holy Spirit is Lord and Giver of life!

Jn 6:63 It is the **Spirit who gives life**; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Jn 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**, ..., **[slide 1]**

Jn 8:32b ... and the truth will set you free. **[slide 2]**

Holy Spirit applies the salvation provided in & through Jesus!

Holy Spirit is moving... be encouraged....

Jn 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another Helper**, to be with you forever, **17** even the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he **dwells with you** and **will be in you**.

18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

16:7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you. But if I go, *I will send him* to you. **8** And **when he comes**, he will **convict** the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: **9** concerning **sin**, because they do not believe in me; **10** concerning **righteousness**, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; **11** concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world ^sis judged.

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** When the **Spirit of truth** comes, he will guide you into **all the truth**, ...

In the last year —

June 27, 2022 — Kennedy v. Bremerton case. 18 yr Marine veteran and role model.

Asbury Outpouring (Feb 2023)

(April) 30,000+ young people came to a “**Fill the Stadium**” event in Oklahoma focused on evangelism and worship.

TPUSA announced having 600,000 student activists and 3,000 campus chapters.

11,000 students at their **AmericaFest** Dec 2022 conference, committing themselves to bravely proclaim the gospel and transformative truths throughout the land.

Nashville Pastors Summit drew 1,100 leaders being equipped to engage in our culture, as we heard from Charlie Kirk, Eric Metaxas, David Barton, Dave Ramsey, and the leadership of In-N-Out Burger (33,000 employees).

In **Vermont**, a coach was fired and his daughter expelled from their middle school for confronting a transgender boy in the girls’ locker room, but the court awarded them a \$124,000 settlement in a lawsuit, and the coach was immediately reinstated, as was his daughter.

Similar case in **Massachusetts**. Coach fired, daughter in middle school. “Ancient History and Geography” being taught CRT.

The “**Jesus Revolution**” film debuted two months ago on a \$15 million budget and has reached millions, taking in over \$50 million, now being released to cable and DVDs (available from Harvest.org for an offering) enabling Christians to have home viewings with non-Christians or give the movie as a gift to people.

Americans are awakening and emphatically rejecting the LGBTQ agenda. As a recent Gallup poll revealed, a majority view changing gender as morally wrong. Only two genders exist, women should not be forced to compete unfairly against biological men in sports. (Family Research Council 6/14/23)

500 pieces of legislation are moving forward nationwide to counter agendas that push surgical mutilation of minors, lewd performances by drag queens in libraries and schools, and distribution of destructive materials indoctrinating impressionable children and youth.

Homeschooling has almost doubled as parents refuse to subject their innocent children to inferior education standards and inappropriate sexualized indoctrination.

Anna Paulina was sworn in as a United States Congresswoman this year as a conservative Christian and one of the youngest Latinos in history elected to office.

Austin Smith, an outspoken Christian, was elected to the Arizona Legislature as the youngest member in the state's history.

The Florida Legislature passed, and Governor DeSantis signed into law, sweeping legislation called "Protect our Kids," upholding decency in the state and inspiring other states to follow suit.

The state of Texas passed a law allowing chaplains to serve as counselors in all public schools."

SUPREME COURT — elections have consequences

Kennedy v Bremerton;

Thursday, June 29 **Gerald Groff** (Holtwood, PA) case. Postal carrier punished for asking not to be scheduled on Sundays. Religious accommodation.

Friday, **303Creative case**. Freedom of Speech includes freedom from forced speech. Web designer cannot be forced to violate conscience.

I would add never have we been in a time when so much *evil is being uncovered and exposed by God*. This is the first step to removing it.

America is waking up to the depravity that has invaded our land, the evil that has entrenched itself in our government, education, and the media.

Holy Spirit is releasing his prosecutorial evidence daily!

The church is waking up, realizing we have allowed this depravity through our passivity and complacency.

The stage is being set for radical change - in the right direction.

I. America the Beautiful — What makes America beautiful?

A. Founding Principles

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal**, that they are **endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights**, that among these are **Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness**.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, [deriving their just powers](#) from the consent of the governed, — ***Declaration of Independence***

1. All created equal & given certain unalienable rights
2. Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

B. A Unique Experiment

America has a unique political worldview. Government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed. Citizens not subjects.

II. Life

[John 10:10](#) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. **I came that they may have life** and have it abundantly. **[slide 3]**

A. Human Life is Sacred

Conception to natural death! **Jesus was worshipped in the womb!**

Life Culture! We **celebrate** the goodness of God! The perseverance of those who prayed and worked tirelessly.

Now more Crisis Pregnancy Centers than abortion centers! Much, much more to be done, but this is a big breakthrough.

PRAY! State by State... and voters. The consent of the governed...

B. Human Life is Equal

Image of God in every person, regardless of race, creed, or gender.

God-created equality (same protection, same penalties. No arbitrary distinctions of class, race, or any other factor)

Proclaiming the Word of Life

1Jn 1:1 That *which was from the beginning*, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the *word of life*—
3 that which we have seen and heard we **proclaim** also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

III. Liberty – an endowment from God

John 8:31 “If you **abide in my word**, ..., 32 ... **you will know the truth**, and the **truth will set you free.**”

35 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. [slide 4]

2 Cor 3:17 Now **the Lord is the Spirit**, and where the **Spirit of the Lord** is, there is **freedom**. [slide 5].

A. United States... an idea, a value system.

It is not merely a geographical location. Unlike most ... nations, Americans are not, and never have been, a race or an ethnicity.

Founded on the VALUE of Liberty

The United States was the world’s **first free country**.

It was the country that most **inspired other countries to be free**.

It is the country that has been **free the longest**.

It is the country that has **most protected other free countries**.

It is the country that has **most spread freedom to other countries**.

Because the United States was **founded on the value of liberty**.

Fought a great Civil War to end slavery. 300,000 of its own.

Inspired the **Statue of Liberty** as a **gift** from the **people of France** to the **American people**. Funded by School children, 181 municipalities, etc.!

B. No other country has exemplified liberty as has America.

A gift and a calling!

Gal 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. **[Slide 6]**

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. **[Slide 7]**

More people from more countries have immigrated to America in order to be free than to the rest of the world's countries put together.

More black Africans have immigrated to the United States voluntarily—looking for freedom and opportunity—than came to the United States involuntarily as slaves. (NYT 2005)

And no country has ever felt the obligation to **spread liberty** elsewhere as has America.

Liberty is an American idea that animated Americans :

To fight for the liberation of Europe in two world wars (and the Pacific in WW 2)

To fly food into West Berlin to break the Soviet blockade of the free city in the midst of East Germany.

To give their lives to keep **half the Korean peninsula** from falling under Communist totalitarians.

To give their lives trying to keep half of **Vietnam** from falling under Comm. totalitarians.

To intervene on behalf of Muslims **Kosovos, Kurds, Afghans.**

President John F. Kennedy expressed this belief in his inaugural address in 1961, proclaiming:

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, in order to assure the survival and the success of liberty.”

Unlikely that a leader of any other country would make such a statement.

“Give me liberty or give me death.” - P. Henry

C. What Liberty Means– Political freedom includes:

Religious freedom

Freedom from religious coercion

Freedom of assembly

Freedom of speech (no forced speech)

Economic freedom

Freedom of the press

Freedom **from** the state.

Reasons that so many people around the world see America as a **land of opportunity**.

Children belong to their families, not the state.

Liberty necessitates small government.

Liberty necessitates moral self-government, speech, conduct.

IV. Pursuit of Happiness

The Happy-Blessed life. [Slide 5]

Ps 1:1 **Blessed** is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; 2 but his **delight is in the law of the Lord**, and on his law he meditates day and night. 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In **all that he does, he prospers**.

On every coin, are THREE Keys to God’s Blessing:

Liberty, Faith, and Dwelling together in Unity

- **Liberty**
- **In God We Trust**
- **E Pluribus Unum — From 13 colonies, One Nation**

PRAYER — *Life, Liberty, the Blessings of God*

Thanksgiving & Prayer for America,

For Each State to CHOOSE LIFE

For Each State to Pursue Liberty and Harmony.

Pray with me:

Holy Spirit, clothe us in power, lead us into all truth, reveal eternal life, and the total victory of Jesus over every other authority!

Father, You are great and greatly to be praised. You are all-powerful, almighty, all-knowing, all-wise, and ever-present. And You are good, always. You are a redeemer, restorer, and reformer. You are eternal, pure, holy, righteous, kind, loving, merciful, long-suffering, and patient.

Your ways are good, and they are successful. Your Word is forever settled in heaven, will never pass away, and is filled with life and truth. You kicked evil out of heaven and judged it on the earth through the Cross.

As your church, your called out Ekklesia, we have been delegated authority to enforce this victory; we accept this privilege and responsibility.

We boldly declare that America shall be saved, and the greatest harvest in all of history is coming to the earth. This will not be stopped! This will not be stopped! This will not be stopped!

When we declare Your words and promises, angels are released to work, and the atmosphere of Earth changes.

We are changing it today with these decrees, and we will continue to do so. As we do, we glorify You, exalt Christ, and partner with Holy Spirit. Today, we bless YOU. All of this we do in Christ's glorious name! Amen.