

# Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

## America the Beautiful

Introduction - Romans 10 delayed due to the **June 24 SCOTUS Dobbs decision — overturning Roe v Wade. Celebrating** Life, tomorrow is the **246th** anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

### **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**

Western Civilization — Jerusalem, Athen, Roman Republic

America has a unique political worldview.

“Its creed is liberty, equality, democracy, and (sees)... America as the promised land, the shining city on a hill, a nation tasked by God to be a beacon to the world; to be the world’s only biblical republic.” —

David Gelernter. *America-Lite* (p. 8). Encounter Books. Kindle Edition.

## **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.

#### **A. Human Life is Sacred**

## Jesus was worshipped in the womb!

June 24 @ 10:10 AM! The Dobbs Decision!

Abortion (killing of babies) Not a constitutional right.

Life Culture!

49 years; 63.4 million babies. NOW A JUBILEE

(Occurred on 60 year anniversary of Engel v. Vitale June 25, 1962)

Let's **celebrate** the goodness of God!

The perseverance of those who prayed and worked tirelessly.

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

Why the freak out?

**Jezebel and Baal Worship** — Sexual Perversity and the Blood Sacrifice of Infants — no longer enforced by federal decree!

CELEBRATE: Ps 145!

TIME TO PRAY! Now it's back to the states... and the voters. The consent of the governed...

## B. Proclaiming the Word of Life

1) Jn 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*— 2 the **life was made manifest**, and we have **seen it**, and **testify to it** and **proclaim** to you the **eternal life**, which was with the Father and was **made manifest to us**— [Slide 1]

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.**” [Slide 2]

35 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

### 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**.

*My country, 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of liberty  
Of thee I sing  
Land where my fathers died  
Land of the pilgrims' pride  
From every mountainside  
Let freedom ring*

The American national anthem ends with these words:

“Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave o’er the **land of the free** and the **home of the brave**?”

Fought a great Civil War to end slavery. 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.

Gal 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. **[Slide 3]**

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 4]

**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 in **Kosovo, 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

Economic freedom

Freedom of the press

Freedom from the state.

Reason 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

**“Catch me up in your story, all my life for your glory”**

**It's His Story! All the Earth will be filled with His Glory**

**Thanksgiving & Prayer for America,**

**For Each State to CHOOSE LIFE**

**For Each State to Pursue Liberty and Harmony.**