

## “The Unalienable Rights of the Unborn – Why I am Pro-life”

Life. When you hear that, what do you think of? A biology textbook? A tree in full green splendor? Calves frisking around the pasture? I think of a baby - a tiny human starting the journey of life.

“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”(In the Declaration of Independence, US 1776). But war is being waged against this principle our nation was founded on – the war against life. So a big question is, does “Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness” apply to the unborn?

The unborn certainly are “endowed by their Creator” with the Right to Life. Babies are humans. They are made in God's image. God freely gave them the Right to Life. He is the one to decide when it ends – not a politician, not a doctor, and not a parent.

The baby has the Right to Liberty – freedom from her mother. An infant is so different from the mother. The baby can be a male or female, but the mother is always a female. The child can have differently colored eyes, a different blood type, and has different features than the mother. She has totally unique fingerprints. She has her own heart beating in her tiny little chest, her own blood pumping in her veins, her own mind working and developing. Her own self. She has the Liberty to be separate from her mother.

Each baby has the Right to the pursuit of Happiness. This baby, this new someone, will be the girl who fixes your hot mocha and blueberry muffin at your favorite drive thru, the home run champion of the local team, the guy who cracks jokes while fixing your car, or the basketball coach. Maybe it's hard to think of

that little one becoming anything more than a whiny toddler. But soon you are sitting there wondering how that pipsqueak beat you arm wrestling, and when that girl became old enough to own a drivers license. That person will be full of opinions, will live in a new place, and succeed at whatever he sets his mind to. The pursuit of Happiness doesn't start when the kid is graduated or lands his first job. It starts the moment he's conceived. Right then he has all of the potential to do amazing things.

That is why I am pro-life. I see each baby as a unique individual. I see the privilege of raising the next generation who will stand up for what is right and be bold in the face of adversity. I hold these truths... that all babies have the right to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.