

## Liberty and Justice for All

### The Declaration of Independence

1. Signed and published in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Declared that everyone as the God-given right to l\_\_\_\_\_, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
3. Thomas Jefferson, a signer and promoter of the Declaration, criticized the cruelty of the slave-trade which snatched people from their f\_\_\_\_\_ and carried them into another hemisphere.
  - a. Thomas Jefferson owned \_\_\_\_\_ slaves.
  - b. The U.S. abolished the slave-trade in 1808, but not slavery.
4. The Declaration was giving a universal truth that applies to every human being regardless of where they l\_\_\_\_\_.

### The Pledge of Allegiance

1. A commitment that our republic be one nation under G\_\_\_\_\_ that provides liberty and justice for a\_\_\_\_\_.
2. Are we doing what we s\_\_\_\_\_ we are committed to?

### The US Supreme Court

1. Words written on the building – E\_\_\_\_\_ Justice Under Law
  - a. The US Supreme Court is the i\_\_\_\_\_ of the US Constitution.
  - b. The US Supreme Court is the safeguard against laws that may v\_\_\_\_\_ the US constitution.
2. Our court systems are set up to provide equal justice for all.
  - a. It is an i\_\_\_\_\_ system, so misjudgments will occur.
  - b. But a violation of the Constitution should never occur.
3. January 22, 1973 – US Supreme Court struck down all the abortion laws in all 50 states, making abortion through any s\_\_\_\_\_ of pregnancy legal. Since then over 60 \_\_\_\_\_ babies have been purposely aborted.
  - a. That is more than the combined population of the top \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. cities.
  - b. In 2020, medical experts say that h\_\_\_\_\_ disease was the number one killer (655,000 deaths). This past year over \_\_\_\_\_ babies were killed through abortion.

### Inconsistencies

1. Why is a person charged with a double-murder when killing a pregnant lady?

2. Is not abortion taking away the God-given right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness?

### **Biblical points**

1. Ex 21:22-25 – God tells Moses that if two men fight around a pregnant lady causing her baby to die, the penalty is l\_\_\_\_\_ for life.
  - a. This is a statement of e\_\_\_\_\_ - life of the men are equal to the life within the womb.
  - b. This is a statement of God’s view on life within the womb.
2. Col 2:8-10 – warns against listening to and being carried away by human philosophy instead of listening to God’s word - *all the fullness of Deity dwells in Jesus and He is the head over all rule and authority*. His word is f\_\_\_\_\_!
  - a. Biologists used to argue that a fetus is not human until it reaches a stage that it can survive o\_\_\_\_\_ the womb (they changed their position to a fetus is a human being).
  - b. Many liberal thinkers use the philosopher John Locke’s definition of a person to declare that life within the womb, although human, is not a p\_\_\_\_\_ until it becomes conscious of pleasure and pain, happiness and misery, and is concerned for itself. (By this definition a human being that goes into a coma would not be a person).
  - c. God’s word is final. Life in the womb must be protected:
    - 1) Humans are made in His i\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen 1:27)
    - 2) Humans are fearfully & wonderfully m\_\_\_\_ (Ps 139:14)
    - 3) Life in the womb must not be killed (Gen 9:6).

### **Our Responsibility as Christians**

1. P\_\_\_\_\_ for the US Supreme court to overturn abortion, for those in crisis pregnancy, and for those who have had abortions.
2. E\_\_\_\_\_ others – use God’s word, the Declaration of Independence, and the US Constitution. Also, refer those in crisis pregnancy to a pro-life Christian crisis pregnancy center.
3. P\_\_\_\_\_ the government by signing petitions that propose how to better protect life within the womb.
4. V\_\_\_\_\_ for pro-life candidates that are actively working to remove abortion laws. Why? Human life is more important than any other issue, individually or combined.