UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS

No matter what part of the country you live in, not much grows in January. The nights are long and the days are short. So even here in Colorado, as I look out my window at mostly bare trees and bushes, and a ground covered with snow, it’s hard to believe that in just three months, leaf buds will be popping open and flowers beginning to bloom.

Each life is like that. Hidden away in the safety and darkness of her mother’s womb, the preborn baby waits until it’s time to enter the world and continue her growth. But is she worth less because she’s tiny and hidden? No way! Then there’s the disabled person whose difficulties or limitations may lead some to forget that inside is a wondrous being created “in the image and likeness” of God. In short, human beings are far more than what our ordinary senses can perceive. As a famous Jewish saying goes, “Each life is a universe.”

Let’s remember that Jesus died for each and every person alive on this planet—born or preborn—seemingly whole or seemingly not. After all, He sees through the “packaging,” the facades, the strengths and the weaknesses. What He’s focused on is the unique soul within each of us that was created to know God and His love.

May our New Year be filled with His love—and respect for every life He created.

James D. Daly
President

PS. If this New Year finds you with resolutions for a stronger marriage and family life, don’t hesitate to contact us for some practical tips and encouragement. Just call us at 888-862-6767.

Please Pray . . .

- For Sanctity of Human Life Month to have a profound, long-lasting impact on our society.
- For advances in science to reveal more and more facts about the full humanity of a preborn baby from fertilization onward.
- For the Wait No More: Finding Families for Georgia’s Waiting Kids event on Saturday, February 26, 2011, in Norcross, Georgia.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMES LIGHT—AND LIFE

“Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”

(Genesis 2:7, NIV)

Every story of an unintended pregnancy that results in a baby rather than an abortion is a miracle. However, here’s a more unusual account of a Christian couple who faced a pregnancy accompanied by such difficult circumstances, that resorting to abortion became more of a temptation than they would ever have thought possible. But then the offer of a free ultrasound at one of the Hope Women’s Centers renewed their faith in God’s ability to provide—no matter what.

“My wife, Susan, came to me and told me she thought she might be pregnant. I didn’t know what to say or what to do. I had many thoughts in my mind … mainly that there was no way we could have another baby right now. Our children were five and six years old. But then the ultrasound showed a healthy baby.”

What then? “We called Focus on the Family® and talked to the team there. They were very encouraging. It was a very difficult decision for us. In the end, it was a decision made by just the two of us. But my wife is happy that she chose to let the baby live.”

—Jim and Susan G., Utah
"So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”

(Genesis 1:27, NIV)