

Every Baby is special and unique

*I praise you because I am
fearfully and wonderfully made*

Psalm 139 v 14

Fathers in Society

Many fathers today are not encouraged to take a part in the care and nurture of their children. It is not just the fathers who are missing out. The whole of society is in a social mess.

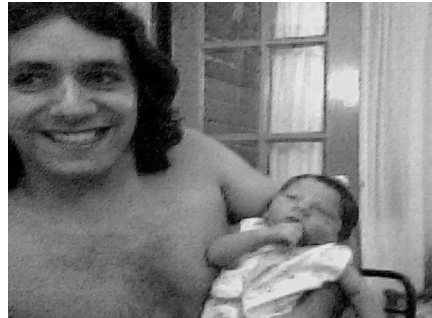
Some fathers willingly abscond from their responsibility. Children are left in homes with no constant committed male influence and are left with no 'father' role model.

In the case of abortion, a father, even if he is married to the mother of his unborn child, has no say in whether or not the baby should be born. Some are not even told of the decision until it is too late.

The latest population census results of April 2001 show the decline in the number of children being born - 1.6 per couple in the UK. This does not even reach replacement levels and so the UK now has an aging dying population. Fewer babies are being born and the elderly are living longer. Who is to pay for future pensions? Who will work to maintain our society? Since 1968 there have been over 6 million babies killed by abortion. These children should have been yesterday's future. Babies, like the one in the picture, are today's future.

If we can speak out against abortion and encourage fathers to be active fathers and not absent fathers, if we can encourage the birth of more children, and for parents

*The love and pride of a young
father showing off his firstborn son.*



to be committed to each other within marriage then the stability of family life will return. We all have a vital role to play in seeing this nation survive. Each couple should have at least three children - two to replace themselves and one to increase the declining population. This third child also takes into account those who never have children for whatever reason.

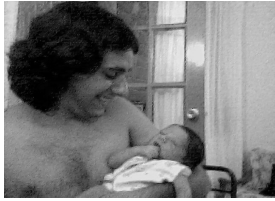
Already we are in a situation where the Government is saying we need to rely on hundreds of thousands of immigrants to work in the vacant positions, for example in schools and hospitals. There is a distinct link between abortion, absent fathers, the population decline and the elderly whose pensions will now not be sufficient for them and so the age of retirement will have to rise. You only have to look at the statistics to see there is no population explosion.

Our eternal destiny is also of grave concern.

When Jesus was born, His Father wanted to tell the world. Internet and e-mails were not available then, so God used his own messengers. An angel appeared in the sky above the fields near Bethlehem where Jesus was born and said "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." One angelic messenger was not enough for this unique occasion. A great company of angels then appeared singing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests." (Luke chapter 2 in The Bible.)

We celebrate Christmas to remember the time that special, unique baby was born two thousand years ago. He was fully God and fully human. His purpose in life was to eventually die on the cross (Easter) - to take the punishment that we deserve for our sins. We may not think we have sinned but ever since the time of Adam and Eve man has been in need of a Saviour, to get us back into a right relationship with our Heavenly Father. The blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross has paid the price for our sins. We can now put right our relationship with Father God who loves each one of us. He knows each one of us and wants us to know Him.

He gives the gift of life, both naturally and supernaturally. Each of us come into this world as tiny babies and we then trust our earthly parents to love and care for us. Sadly not all children find this love from natural parents. By committing our lives to Jesus who not only died on the cross in our place, but rose again and is still alive, we can be assured that our tomorrow's spiritual future is secured today. Jesus promised us He would send His Holy Spirit to live within us. All we need do is acknowledge our need for Him, seek His forgiveness for our sins and ask Him to come into our life. That is our second birth - a spiritual birth when the Holy Spirit comes to us, brings our spirit to life, forming an eternal relationship with God.



Two babies.
Both unique.
The one who
represents each
one of us.



The other who is
the Saviour of each one of us, past, present and future.

Both in the arms of earthly men who took on the
responsibility of loving and nurturing them.

What price life?
What price eternal life?
What price a Father's love?
What price a Heavenly Father's love?

Maybe you never knew your father. Maybe you are a father who has never known his child. Maybe following divorce you have limited or lost contact with your children. Maybe you are a father who encouraged the mother of your child to abort him or her. Whatever your role as a father now, fatherhood commences at conception, not when the child is born. You may be feeling the loss. You may feel the need to grieve but do not know where to turn. Sadly not many people acknowledge the pain of a childless father, but it is a real pain that needs to be healed. Jesus is the only person who can offer total healing.

If you are hurting in any way, please contact your local church. Many churches have a prayer ministry or counselling service who may be able to help. Show them this leaflet as a starting point. Don't be ashamed of tears or anger. This is part of the healing, as is being able to speak about situations that have not been acknowledged for so long. There will be no easy answers to all your questions but remember Jesus is a prayer away.

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