



REFLECTIONS

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— this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.

1 John 1:1-2

Life Preservers

Pillars of the Earth, a Ken Follett novel, centers on the arduous task of building a great cathedral in the twelfth century; but the theme of the book features the struggles for life in those times. One of the most awakening portrayals in the book was the insensitivity to human life. A father would die, or a child would be killed with little emotion expressed over the life lost. Everyone seemed conditioned to accept death with little emotion.

In our world today, we witness insensitivity to human life as terrorists uncaringly erase innocent lives and even choose to take their own. Life seemingly has little value. In contrast to that view, the culture we live in values human life perhaps like no culture before. We take great measure to extend it and improve its quality.

God honors human life, after all He created it; and we honor Him with our unending quest to prolong life and enhance its quality.

But I wonder if we place the same value on preserving life eternal. As we look to our growing knowledge of science, medicine, and technology to make earthly life longer, should we not also be growing spiritually to achieve even greater strides to preserve life beyond this world? To prolong earthly life requires a growing knowledge of science, technology, and medicine. But only a few among us are equipped in these fields. But all of us are called to be life preservers.

When we allow Christ to work through us, we become his instruments to lead others to a life in eternity. It doesn't require science or technology or medicine. It only requires the testimony of God's love through a friendly smile, a caring hand, or a warm invitation to everyone who would like to join us.

And as Christ shines through us, so does God's gift to human life—life eternal.

"You are the light of the world."

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