

What Has and Has Not Been Canceled

Our first article in this bulletin deals with “Cancelled Culture” a phrase all too common today. Not that canceling out things are always bad but because of what is being taken out of our society. This got me to thinking of those “things” or practices which are deemed unworthy or inappropriate today. While I cannot give you the exact dates of everything, the below list are somethings in my life time which have been cancelled.

The Pledge of Allegiance- it used to be, every classroom in our country at the beginning of each day started with the teacher and/or a student, leading the class with the words, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America; and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.". While numerous legal challenges to stop the Pledge of Allegiance on the basis of the words “One Nation under God” have failed, most schools have stopped this practice.

The sanctity of life has been cancelled. On January 22, 1973 the Supreme Court in “Roe v Wade” ruled abortion is a fundamental right of the pregnant woman. Her rights outweigh any rights the unborn may have had. Thus, abortion on demand has been the law of the land. Numerous states have placed restrictions on when an abortion can occur it remains in place.

Anita Bryant was a spokesperson for Florida Orange growers but got cancelled due to her stand on homosexuality. She may have been the first person to have received such treatment but she is not the last.

Common decency on television has been cancelled. Four letter words, sexual content, homosexuality, and just plain nasty plotlines were not seen on network shows. The American public would not tolerate it. It used to be a parent could sit down with their young children and not be embarrassed by the shows but that is no longer true.

Public religious displays and holiday observance has been officially cancelled in many places. Nativity scenes are not allowed, some schools no longer call Christmas break what it is but now refer to it as days off.

In 1962 prayers in schools were stopped as it was a violation of the separation of church and state.

Finally, just plain common sense and good manners have been cancelled in many places. Murders in most major cities have increased, road rage shootings are becoming common, robbery is no longer a crime in some places. The list goes on but I think you get my point.

What has not been cancelled? The word of God is still the same as it has always been. The home with a mother and father rearing their children is still commanded to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Christ's church still has Jesus as its foundation and head. The saved are added to His church when they obey His Gospel. People are to love God first and their fellowman second. Our love for Christ is shown not just with our confession but with out obedience. Heaven is still a place prepared for the saved, and hell is still a place of torment for those lost in sin.

Despite man not wanting to retain a knowledge of God in our society, He still exists and we are subject to our Creator. – Dennis Tucker.