

Galatians 5:1

¹ It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

Today marks the Anniversary of our country's independence from England, and the birth of our nation. It is difficult for most Americans to even imagine how priceless freedom is. Unless you have ever been to a third world nation; it could easily seem unimaginable to comprehend that anyone could live in this day and age without the freedoms that we take so much for granted. Yet, it is this very freedom for which so many of our enemies hate us. In order to understand this, you must be able to see the spiritual implications involved. Jesus Christ came to set mankind free from the slavery of sin, and the final penalty of eternal death. The idea of freedom, as well as the institution and authority for it comes straight from the Throne Room in heaven. God never intended that man live under the bondage of sin. In fact, it was the first man, Adam, who opened the door to this slavery; yet most men continue to follow suite. On the other hand, Satan's motive has and will always be to steal, kill, and destroy; it is his mission statement. Not to oversimplify, but freedom only comes through Jesus Christ, His Word, and obedience to it. Slavery is the fruit or outcome that ultimately will follow any act or choice that contradicts or removes Christ and His Word.

Our nation was built upon Judeo-Christian values. Yet, today you will hear many opponents, who are advocating against God and His Word; and declaring that our founding fathers were nothing more than Deists at best. This is absolutely a lie. Of the fifty-six signers of the Declaration of Independence, only two men, Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin were Unitarians or Deists. The other fifty-four signers were Episcopalians or Anglicans, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Quakers and there was one Catholic. Four of the signers were ordained ministers, and many were sons of ministers. The problem today is that the voices, who are crying out the loudest, are the voices which are seeking to remove God from our land. But beware church, with the loss of God and His sovereignty over our country; so will our freedoms follow. John Adams wrote a letter on July 17, 1775 to Abigail Adams, in it he said, "But a Constitution of Government once changed from Freedom, can never be restored. Liberty, once lost, is lost forever." Friends, the quickest way we will lose our liberties, is to do and say nothing. When our nation was birthed, it came at a tremendous price for the men and women living in that day. Somehow we have been deceived into believing that since we've always had it, we always will. Yet today, we are facing a new war, a culture war. The stakes for this war have never been higher. Your freedoms and mine are at stake! Daily new legislation is being drafted in Washington to silence Christians once and for all. Legislators are seeking through bills labeled under names such as "Hate Crimes", to silence ministers and all Christians from speaking out on issues such as the homosexual agenda. **Proverbs 29:2** says, **When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, But when a wicked man rules, people groan.** Should you and I decide to do nothing, then we have no room to complain about the tsunami that is building in Washington against the church and our freedoms. What kind of a legacy will you leave your children and grandchildren? Their only hope is the same as yours and mine, Jesus Christ!! Are you willing to take a stand, to vote, and to pray? Will you join me to repent, and seek God for the healing of this great land?