

## HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY 2023!

Today We Celebrate 1993 Years Of Being Free From The Penalty Of Sin & Death  
Because Of Jesus Christ's Sacrifice & Resurrection!

Today We Celebrate 248 Years Of Freedom & Liberty  
Because Of The Sacrifice & Suffering Of All Of Those Who Have  
Gone On Before Us Marked With The Sign Of Faith & Patriotism!

### **“What Is True Freedom & Liberty Anyway?”**

#### **Galatians Chapter 5 Selections**

Today, we are a nation in turmoil; amid extreme change and challenges to our personal and national freedoms! Our own leaders, both legitimately and illegitimately elected are committing acts of treason against us the people, and our nation as a whole.

This turmoil and fight to preserve national and personal liberties has become very apparent in the closeness of the past four presidential races, especially the last fraudulent manufactured outcome to keep the American people's choice for freedom out of the levers of power. Not to mention the unconstitutional laws being passed, and unchecked by the packed courts coming out of Trenton & Washington DC.

Today, personal freedoms and rights as defined by our Constitution have become synonymous with making any choice or pursuing any lifestyle you may desire. Or worse the erosion of these rights in the disguise of personal entitlements and privileges sponsored by the government, even at the expense of certain rights selectively enforced by the minority over the majority!

Today, due to terrorism, nuclear & biological insecurities, national tensions in the world, our personal freedoms and rights guaranteed by the Constitution are in jeopardy of being lost or curtailed by man-made emergencies by our own government, and the world government, within the disguise of the United Nations!

Liberty, freedom and God-given rights seem to be redefined and rewritten almost daily before our very eyes, in favor of false history, science, and personal feelings over logic, reasoning, & faith!

Our own education system is currently instructing tomorrow's citizens in our public schools that the Bill Of Rights is really A Bill Of Values instead! And these Values can be reinterpreted and rewritten; if the values of the current generation outweigh those of the past! They are brainwashing young people to distrust their God Given Rights, History, Faith, Authority, & Freedom in exchange for a lie.

These constant emergencies, unlawful decrees, turmoil, and use of approved violence in the name of protests, is now seemingly all around us. Further they all seem to increase daily, and the unlawful decrees and acts leading to almost immediate changes seem to happen faster and faster with no end in sight, as good is called evil, and evil is called good. In this environment, Truth is called a Lie, and Lies are Called Truth!

**Q**

**“Where Does One Start To Get A Grip On  
How God Intended Us To Live Lives of True Freedom & Liberty?”**

**A**

**We Need To Read, Study, Understand, Apply, & Teach  
God's Word As It Pertains To Our God Given Freedoms & Liberties!**

**“Stand Fast therefore in the Liberty by which Christ Has Made Us Free, and Do Not Be Entangled Again with a Yoke of Bondage (Sin) ... You Have Become Estranged from Christ, You Who Attempt to be Justified by Law; You Have Fallen From Grace. For We Through the Spirit Eagerly Wait for the Hope of Righteousness (Holiness) by Faith ... You ran well. Who Hindered You From Obeying the Truth? This Persuasion does not come from Him Who Calls You. A Little Leaven Leavens the Whole Lump. I (Paul) have Confidence in You, in the Lord that You Will Have No Other Mind ... I Could Wish that Those Who Trouble You Would Cut Themselves Off! For You, Brethren, Have Been Called to Liberty; Only Do Not Use Liberty as an Opportunity for the Flesh, but Through Love Serve One Another. For All the Law Is Fulfilled in One Word, even in this: ‘You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself.’ But if You Bite and Devour One Another, Beware Lest You Be Consumed By One Another!”**

**Galatians 5:1, 4-5, 7-10a, & 12-15 (NKJV)**

Q

**“Where Does One Start To Get A Grip On What Freedom & Liberty Really Meant To The Framers Of The Declaration Of Independence & The Constitution?”**

A

**We Need To Read, Study, Understand, & Teach What Our Founding Parents Actually Thought & Said In Their Own Words In the Original Writings!**

When we begin to study these historical writings & documents we find that > 90% of the time Our Founding Fathers & Mothers Quoted the Bible or Spoke of the Law of God, His Ordinances, His Statutes, & His Commands. They frequently Spoke of Faith and the important part that it plays in making decisions both personally, in the church, in the community, and especially in government. Far the Notion of a **“Separation of Church & State”**, They actually had the opposite in mind. Here is just a few of the thousands that could be quoted:

**Personal Letter of Thomas Jefferson To The Danbury Connecticut Baptist Association  
Dated January 1, 1802 See: Phrase, Context, & Meaning of **“Separation of Church & State”**  
See: <https://www.loc.gov/loc/lcib/9806/danpre.html>**

**To Messers: Nehemiah Dodge, Ephraim Robbins, & Stephen S. Nelson,  
A Committee of the Danbury Baptist Association in the State of Connecticut.**

Gentlemen,

***“The affectionate sentiments of esteem and approbation which you are so good as to express towards me, on behalf of the Danbury Baptist association, give me the highest satisfaction. My duties dictate a faithful and zealous pursuit of the interests of my constituents, and in proportion as they are persuaded of my fidelity to those duties, the discharge of them becomes more and more pleasing.***

***Believing with you that religion is a matter which lies solely between Man and His God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship, that the legitimate powers of government reach actions only, and not opinions, I contemplate with sovereign reverence that act of the whole American people which declared that their legislature should ‘make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,’ thus building a wall of separation between Church and State. Adhering to this expression of the supreme will of the nation on behalf of the rights of conscience, I shall see with sincere satisfaction the progress of those sentiments which tend to restore to man all his natural rights, convinced he has no natural right in opposition to his social duties.***

***I reciprocate your kind prayers for the protection and blessing of the common Father and Creator of Man, and tender you for yourselves and your religious association, assurances of my high respect and esteem.”***

**TH Jefferson  
January 1, 1802**

**Our 1<sup>st</sup> President Wrote This Advice To Us:**

***“To the Distinguished Character of Patriot, it Should Be Our Highest Glory to Laud the More Distinguished character of Christian. The Signal Instances of Providential Goodness which We Have Experienced, and which Have Now Almost Crowned Our Labors with Complete Success Demand from Us in a Peculiar Manner the Warmest Returns of Gratitude and Piety to the Supreme Author of All Good!”***

**President George Washington**

**Our 2<sup>nd</sup> President Wrote This Prophetic Word To Us:**

***“Statesmen may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is Religion & Morality alone, which can establish the Principles upon which Freedom can securely stand. The Only Foundation of Our Free Constitution is Pure Virtue, and if this cannot be inspired into our People in a Greater Measure, than they have it now, they may change their Rulers and their Forms of Government, but they will not obtain a Lasting Liberty!”***

**President John Adams**

**Our 3<sup>rd</sup> President Wrote This Timeless Truth To Us:**

*“God Who gave us Life gave us Liberty. And can the Liberties of a Nation be thought secure when we have removed their Only Firm Basis, a Conviction in the Minds of the people that these Liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His Wrath? Indeed, I tremble for My Country when I reflect that God Is Just; that His Justice cannot sleep forever!”*

**President Thomas Jefferson**

**Our 4<sup>th</sup> President Wrote This Theological Treatise To Us:**

*“We Have Staked the Whole Future of American Civilization, Not Upon the power of government, far from it! We Have Staked the Future of all of our political institutions upon the capacity of Mankind and Self-Government; upon the capacity of each and all of us to Govern Ourselves, to Control Ourselves, to Sustain Ourselves According to the Ten Commandments of God!”*

**President James Madison**

You might be saying to yourself, that’s great Pastor, I got it, those early parents of ours - all said the same thing. But what about the next generations that followed them?

**Our 16<sup>th</sup> President Wrote This Prophetic Judgement To Us:**

*“The candid citizen must confess that if the Policy of the Government upon vital questions affecting the whole people is to be Irrevocably Fixed by Decisions of the Supreme Court, the Instant They Are Made ... the People Will Have Ceased to be Their Own Rulers, ... Having Resigned Their Government into the Hands of the Eminent Tribunal. Intelligence, Patriotism, Christianity, and a Firm Reliance on Him Who has never yet forsaken this Favored Land, are Still Competent to Adjust in the Best Way All Our Present Difficulty!”*

**President Abraham Lincoln**

**Our Greatest Statesmen & Most Esteemed Founding Father Wrote This Call To Prayer To Us:**

*“I have lived a long time, and the longer I live, the more Convincing Proofs I see of this Truth, that God Governs in the Affairs of Men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His Notice, is it probable that a Nation Can Rise Without His Aid? We have been assured in the Sacred Writings, that “Except the Lord Build the House, They Labor In Vain that Build It!. I Firmly Believe This; and I Also Believe that Without His Concurring Aid We Shall Succeed in this Political Building No Better than the Builders of Babel ... We Shall Be Divided by Our Partial Local Interests; Our Projects Will Be Confounded, and We Ourselves Shall Become a Reproach and Bye Word Down to Future Ages. I therefore beg to move that henceforth Prayers Imploring the Assistance of Heaven, and its Many Blessings on All of Our Deliberations, Be Held in Our Assembly Every Morning Before We Proceed and that One or more of the Clergy of the People Be Requested to Officiate in that Prayer Service!”*

**Benjamin Franklin**

**CQ?**

**“Can You Recall Right Now The Title Of Today’s Message?”**

**CA!**

**“What Is True Freedom & Liberty Anyway?”**

**Let’s Take An In Depth Look At Today’s Scriptures!**

**Paul Gives Us **Seven Points** To Consider For A **Complete Answer** To This **Central Question!****

**A1** - A Life of Freedom & Liberty Is Lived Only In The Salvation Purchased By Jesus Christ For Us!

**“Stand Fast therefore in the Liberty by which Christ Has Made Us Free, and Do Not Be Entangled Again with a Yoke of Bondage (Sin)!”**

**Galatians 5:1**

**A2** - A Life of Grace Lived Toward Others Is Only Possible

**Because We Have First Received Grace From God Through Jesus Christ Our Lord!**

**“You Have Become Estranged from Christ, You Who Attempt to be Justified by Law; You Have Fallen From Grace!”**

**Galatians 5:4**

**A3** - A Life of Hope In Eternity & Walking in Holiness Is Made Possible By The Indwelling Holy Spirit!

**“For We Through the Spirit Eagerly Wait for the Hope of Righteousness (Holiness) by Faith!”**

**Galatians 5:5**

**A4** - A Life of Transformation Into The Likeness of Christ Our Lord Is God's Will For Us!

*"You ran well. Who Hindered You From Obeying the Truth?" ... "This Persuasion does not come from Him Who Calls You. A Little Leaven Leavens the Whole Lump. I (Paul) have Confidence in You, in the Lord that You Will Have No Other Mind!"* Galatians 5:7-10a

**A5** - A Life Of Serving Others Is What Jesus Modeled & Now Calls Us To!

*"For You, Brethren, Have Been Called to Liberty; Only Do Not Use Liberty as an Opportunity for the Flesh, but Through Love Serve One Another!"* Galatians 5:13

**A6** - A Life Of Love For Self, Family, & Neighbors As Christ Has Already Loved Us Is Our Mission!

*"For All the Law Is Fulfilled in One Word, even in this: 'You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself!'"* Galatians 5:14

### **The 7<sup>th</sup> Point Is A DIVINE WARNING!**

**A7** - A Life Of Selflessness Instead Of Selfishness Is A Necessity For Disciples of Christ!

*"But if You Bite and Devour One Another, Beware Lest You Be Consumed By One Another!"* Galatians 5:15

**According to the Apostle Paul We Have A Choice Each Day To Either:**

**Secure Freedom & Liberty By Living Life God's Way!**

Then, the World will Come to Know the Truth in the Lives & Words of their Christian Neighbors: That we are in fact a nation built on the Truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, even though there will always be those who will never admit it, and those who will continue to persecute it, and even those who will spend their lives to destroy it!

**vs.**

**Loss of Freedom & Liberty = Living Life Our Way!**

Paul However, Warns Us of the Consequences of Ignoring Our Source of Liberty in God & If We Lose Him In Our The Fabric of Our Lives & Nation Then We Will Experience A Loss Of All Freedoms & Liberties!

**Q**

**"Take A Good Look Around You Today And What Do You See Happening In: Your Family, Your Neighborhood, Your Town, Your State, Your Nation, & Your World?"**

Like You I See The Loss Of Freedom & Liberty All Around Me & You.

THEREFORE!

**"Let Us All Rededicate Our Future, Freedom, & Liberty To Living Our Lives - God's Way!**

**Let Us Submit Our Finances, Possessions, & Wills To The Kingship & Lordship of Jesus Christ!**

**Let Us Invite Those Who Are Broken & Lost Into A New Hope & Eternal Life In Jesus Christ Our Lord & Savior!"**

**"Let Us Stand With Our Founding Fathers & Mothers In Faith & Proclaim To Everyone We Meet & Greet:**

**That True Freedom & Liberty Is Only Found By Those Who Declare:**

**'We Have No King; But King Jesus!'"**

*"Stand With Me Now & Let Us Seal This Holy Covenant Of Freedom & Liberty Together Before Our Lord Jesus Christ In Singing This Final Song Of Surrender & Unity To HIM! Let Freedom & Liberty Ring Throughout The Land Once Again On This Independence Day!"*

**(Song Continued Over)**

# ***“I Pledge Allegiance To The Lamb”***

By  
Ray Boltz

## **Verse 1a**

I have heard how Christians Long Ago  
Were brought before a tyrant's throne  
They were told that he  
Would Spare Their Lives  
If They Would Renounce  
The Name of Christ

## **Verse 1b**

But One by One They Chose to Die  
The Son of God, They Would Not Deny  
Like a Great Angelic Choir Sings  
I can almost Hear Their Voices Ring

## **Chorus**

I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb  
With All My strength  
With All I Am  
I Will Seek to Honor His Commands  
I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb

## **Verse 2a**

Now the years have come  
And the years have gone  
And the Cause of Jesus Still Goes On  
Now Our Time Has Come  
To Count the Cost  
To Reject this World  
To Embrace the Cross

## **Verse 2b**

And One by One Let Us Live Our Lives  
For the One Who Died to Give Us Life  
Till the Trumpet Sounds on the Final Day  
Let Us Proudly Stand and Boldly Say

## **Chorus**

I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb  
With All My strength  
With All I Am  
I Will Seek to Honor His Commands  
I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb

## **Bridge**

To the Lamb of God Who Bore My Pain  
Who Took My Place  
Who Wore My Shame  
I Will Seek to Honor His Commands  
I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb

## **Chorus**

I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb  
With All My strength  
With All I Am  
I Will Seek to Honor His Commands  
I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb