



Go for God!

“INDEPENDENCE DAY!”

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen United States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

> What will make America “GREAT” Again?
(Slogan or Commitment?)

#1 – GOD!

#2 – REPENTANCE!

#3 – EVANGELIZATION!

#4 – ALLEGIANCE!

#5 – TRUTH!

#1 – GOD! “One Nation under God!” - Jesus said in Matthew 22:37-39 - 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

- **James Madison** at the Constitutional Convention of 1787, proposed the plan to divide the central government into three branches -- **Judicial, Legislative, Executive**. He discovered this model of government from the Perfect Governor, as he read, **Isaiah 33:22- “For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; He will save us.”**

- **James Wilson**: Signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution; Supreme Court Justice appointed by George Washington spoke 168 times during the Constitutional Convention, he said,

"Christianity is part of the common law" [Sources: James Wilson, Course of Lectures [vol 3, p.122]; and quoted in Updegraph v. The Commonwealth, 11 Serg. & R. 393, 403 (1824).]

- **John Quincy Adams at Fourth of July speech at Newburyport, Massachusetts said,** *"Why is it that, next to the birthday of the Savior of the world, your most joyous and most venerated festival returns on this day [the Fourth of July]?" "Is it not that, in the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior? That it forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation? Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?" --*

#2 – REPENTANCE! – 2 Chronicles 7:14 - *Then the LORD appeared to Solomon*

by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually. As for you, if you walk before Me as your father David walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, then I will establish the throne of your kingdom, as I covenanted with David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man as ruler in Israel.' "But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them, then I will uproot them from My land which I have given them; and this house which I have sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. "And as for this house, which is exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished and say, 'Why has the LORD done thus to this land and this house?' Then they will answer, 'Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and embraced other gods, and worshiped them and served them; therefore He has brought all this calamity on them.'"

- **Proverbs 14:34 - Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.**

> **The TEN COMMANDMENTS represent GOD'S GOVERNMENT OVER MAN!** GOD commands us for our own good to give up wrongs and not rights! HIS system always results in LIBERTY and FREEDOM! The Constitution and the Bill of Rights are built on this foundation, which provides for punitive justice. It is not until one damages another's person or property that he can be punished.

1. *Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.*
2. *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.*
3. *Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain.*
4. *Remember the Sabbath to keep it Holy.*
5. *Honor thy father and mother.*
6. *Thou shalt not murder.*
7. *Thou shalt not commit adultery.*
8. *Thou shalt not steal.*
9. *Thou shalt not bear false witness.*
10. *Thou shalt not covet.*

#3 – EVANGELIZATION! - Matthew 28:18-20 - *And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*

#4 – ALLEGIANCE! (To God and one another)- *"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."*

> **Why? “One Nation under God”:** *George Washington President of the United States of America* - The father of our nation was quiet about his Christian faith. But there can be no doubt his faith in our Lord Jesus Christ was deep and heartfelt. In his first general order to his troops, General George Washington called on ... *Every officer and man...to live, and act, as becomes a Christian Soldier defending the dearest rights and liberties of his country.*

- **President George Washington kept a personal prayer book**, written in his own handwriting, for each day of the week. Here are some excerpts, which provide insight into the depth of his **Christian faith**:

SUNDAY MORNING...*Almighty God, and most merciful Father, who didst command the children of Israel to offer a daily sacrifice to Thee, that thereby they might glorify and praise Thee for Thy protection both night and day, receive O Lord, my morning sacrifice which I now offer up to Thee; I yield Thee humble and hearty thanks, that Thou has preserved me from the dangers of the night past and brought me to the light of this day, and the comfort thereof, a day which is consecrated to Thine own service and for Thine own honor. Let my heart therefore gracious God be so affected with the glory and majesty of it, that I may not do mine own works but wait on Thee, and discharge those weighty duties Thou required of me: And since Thou art a God of pure eyes, and will be sanctified in all who draw nearer to Thee, who dost not regard the sacrifice of fools, nor hear sinners who tread in Thy courts, pardon I beseech Thee, my sins, remove them from Thy presence, as far as the east is from the west, and accept of me for the merits of Thy son Jesus Christ, that when I come into Thy temple and compass Thine altar, my prayer may come before Thee as incense, and as I desire Thou wouldst hear me calling upon Thee in my prayers, so give me peace to hear the calling on me in Thy word, that it may be wisdom, righteousness, reconciliation and peace to the saving of my soul in the day of the Lord Jesus. Grant that I may hear it with reverence, receive it with meekness, mingle it with faith, and that it may accomplish in me gracious God, the good work for which Thou hast sent it. Bless my family, kindred, friends and country, be our God and guide this day and forever for His sake, who lay down in the grave and arose again for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING...*O most Glorious God, in Jesus Christ my merciful and loving Father, I acknowledge and confess my guilt, in the weak and imperfect performance of the duties of this day. I have called on Thee for pardon and forgiveness of sins....Let me live according to those holy rules which Thou hast this day prescribed in Thy Holy Word; make me to know what is acceptable in Thy sight, and therein to delight, open the eyes of my understanding, and help me thoroughly to examine myself concerning my knowledge, faith and repentance, increase my faith, and direct me to the true object, **Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life**, Bless, O Lord, all the people of this land, from the highest to the lowest, particularly those whom Thou has appointed to rule us in church & state. Continue Thy goodness to me this night. These weak petitions, I humbly implore Thee to hear, accept and answer for the sake of **Thy Dear Son, Jesus Christ** our Lord, Amen.*

- **President George Washington wrote about what he felt made America great:** *It is impossible to rightly govern the world without **God and the Bible**.*

- **President George Washington, on April 30, 1789**, delivered his famous Inaugural Address to both Houses of Congress. He had just taken the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall in New York City, with his hand upon a Bible opened to **Deuteronomy Chapter 28**.

#5 – TRUTH! - *Jesus said in John 8:34-36 - "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.*

- **James McHenry – Signer of the Constitution** – *“Public utility pleads most forcibly for the general distribution of the Holy Scriptures. The doctrine they preach, the obligations they impose, the punishment they threaten, the rewards they promise, the stamp and image of divinity they bear, which produces a conviction of their truths, can alone secure to society, order and peace, and to our courts of justice and constitutions of government, purity, stability and usefulness. In vain, without the Bible, we increase penal laws and draw entrenchments around our institutions. Bibles are strong entrenchments. Where they abound, men cannot pursue wicked courses, and at the same time enjoy quiet conscience.”*

> **DID YOU KNOW?** – *As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world’s law givers and each one is facing one the*

middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view ... It is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

> DID YOU KNOW? – As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

> DID YOU KNOW? – As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court Judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments.

> DID YOU KNOW? – There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington D.C.

> DID YOU KNOW? – James Madison, the fourth president, known as ‘The Father of Our Constitution’ made the following statement: “We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for 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.”

> DID YOU KNOW? – Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the Taxpayer since 1777.

> DID YOU KNOW? – Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the Orthodox Christian churches in the colonies.

*- Patrick Henry: "Orator of the Revolution" - This is all the inheritance I can give my dear family. The religion of Christ can give them one which will make them rich indeed." —The Last Will and Testament of Patrick Henry
"It cannot be emphasized too clearly and too often that this nation was founded, not by religionists, but by Christians; not on religion, but on the gospel of Jesus Christ. For this very reason, peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here." [May 1765 Speech to the House of Burgesses]
"The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed."*

> His TRUTH Goes Marching On! - Joshua 1:8-9 - This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Jesus said in John 15:7 - If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

*Joshua 24:14-16 - "Now therefore, fear the LORD, **serve Him in sincerity and in truth**, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

***“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people He has chosen as
His own inheritance.
Psalm 33:12***

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