

JULY 4TH. 2010
THE 234TH. BIRTHDAY OF AMERICA
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND ITS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
JULY 4, 1776

2-CORINTHIANS 3:17

SUNDAY JULY 4th. 2010

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA”

CELEBRATING THE GOD ORDAINED INDEPENDENCE OF THE USA

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Introduction to the Text;

2nd. Corinthians 3:17

2Cor. 3:17

Now the Lord is that Spirit;
and **where the Spirit of the Lord is**, there is liberty.

Congratulations to all of you this Morning!

All of you are in the midst of a miracle today - this morning - America is 234 years Old.
This is the 234th. Birthday of the United States of America and our Constitution...

A Constitution that has outlived every other nations form on earth.

We may be among some of the youngest nations on earth.

But no other nation on earth has been governed as long and as successful and as prosperous and as peaceful as the United States of America!

Happy Birthday America

234 years ago, 56 Founding Fathers pledged their lives, fortunes, and their sacred honor – for the freedoms of future Americans today. And God Himself did answer their prayers - - **on this day, America remains the longest, on-going constitutional republic in the history of the world.** This is a blessing that we too often take for granted.

Founding Father John Adams, cousin of Samuel Adams declared that;
“July 4th. Should be a day when we remember God's hand in deliverance and a day of religious activities when we committed ourselves to Him in a solemn act of devotion to God Almighty.”

In that same spirit wrote President John Quincy Adams' (son of Founding Father and President John Adams). In his famous oration of 1837 *“Let us confirm the importance of remembering God's Hand in our American independence. The birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of our Savior. It forms a leading event in the progress of the Gospel dispensation. The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity and gave to the world the first irrevocable pledge of the fulfillment of the prophecies, announced directly from Heaven at the birth of our Savior and predicted by the greatest of the Hebrew prophets six? Cast your eyes backwards upon the progress of time. As this Fourth of July approaches, let us break ranks with only participating in "traditional" activities and remember to take time to honor and thank Almighty God, to make it a day celebration with solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.”*

AT THE POINT OF BREAKING, SAMUEL ADAMS AROSE

- Samuel Adams 1777

Let us awaken then, and evince a different spirit, — a spirit that shall inspire the people with confidence in themselves and in us, — a spirit that will encourage them to persevere in this glorious struggle, until their rights and liberties shall be established on a rock. We have proclaimed to the world our determination “to die freemen, rather than live as slaves.” We have appealed to Heaven for the justice of our cause, and in Heaven we have placed our trust. Numerous have been the manifestations of God’s providence in sustaining us. In the gloomy period of adversity, we have had “our cloud by day and pillar of fire by night.” We have been reduced to distress, and the arm of Omnipotence has raised us up. Let us still rely in humble confidence on Him who is mighty to save. Good tidings will soon arrive. Heaven shall never abandon us while we act worthy of its aid and protection.

Days after That Speech, The British Attacked Philadelphia

And on the eve of the attack - the Americans took the 2,080 lbs. Liberty Bell
And carted it off to Allentown for Safe keeping... The War was on!!!

And This Was The Reason...

The Love Life, of Liberty and of Freedom

America's Liberty's Bell

When William Penn of Pennsylvania established Pennsylvania's government in 1751, the colonists proudly celebrated their newfound freedoms. The Speaker of the Pennsylvania Assembly ordered a new bell to be installed atop the State House, Independence Hall. He asked the citizens "what shall the bell be saying?" their answer... Let it "Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the Land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10).

John Hancock & John Adams

April 18, 1775

"We have no King but Jesus"

We need to "**awake and evince a different spirit**" - to take a stand like those Citizen Patriots of the Revolution Era. Church, You and I have a tremendous history and heritage and responsibility to defend it.

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA

1.) Is The Spirit of Life:

John 10:10b

I have come that they may have life,
and that they may have life more abundantly.

The Concept of The Sanctity of Life

Is a Uniquely Judeo-Christian Value or Biblical Worldview?

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have **everlasting life**.

For 400 Years America had a Beacon for "Life"

It was as though God had kept America from the rest of the world.

It was to be developed, but by whom and for what?

There had been earlier explorer's

Just enough for the Lord to use them as tools to awaken in the hearts and minds of Europeans - that **a new world was out there**.

For The "Bible Believing Christians" of England,

The establishment of a state church in England was a just more of the same. And so those Biblically Based Christians would have no part....

And so the separatist or puritan movement was born
These self-addressed "pilgrims" identified with three passages of scripture.

Heb. 11:13b-14

"... for not having received the promises, but having seen them from afar off, were assured of them, embraced *them* and confessed that they were strangers and **pilgrims** on the earth. :14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland.

1Pet. 1:1

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the **pilgrims** of the Dispersion

1Pet. 2:11

Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and **pilgrims**, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, :12 having your conduct honorable among the unbelievers, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Just Before Embarkation at Plymouth William Bradford & The Mayflower Compact

"In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the Loyal Subjects of our dread Sovereign Lord, King James, by the Grace of God, of England, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, e&. Having undertaken for the Glory of God, and Advancement of the Christian Faith, and the Honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia; do by these presents, solemnly and mutually in the Presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil Body Politick, for our better Ordering and Preservation...

...And Furtherance of the Ends aforesaid; And by Virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame, such just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions and Offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the General good of the Colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In Witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Cape Cod the eleventh of November, in the Reign of our Sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth.
Anno Domini, 1620."

This "Way of Thinking" was Not Strange to Them

1606 - The Virginia Charter was drafted

We, greatly commending and graciously accepting of these desires to the furtherance of **so noble a work** which may, by the **Providence of Almighty God**, hereafter tend to the glory of **His Divine Majesty** in **propagating of the Christian religion** to such people as yet live in darkness and miserable ignorance of the **true knowledge and worship of God** and may in time - bring the infidels and salvages living in those parts to a humane civility and to a settled and quiet government..."

Matt. 28:19-20

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, :20 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."

John Adams

Thoughts on Government – Summer, 1776

It is the duty of all men in society, publicly, and at stated seasons, to worship the SUPREME BEING, the great Creator and Preserver of the universe. And no subject shall be hurt, molested, or restrained, in his person, liberty, or estate, for worshipping GOD in the manner most agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience; or for his religious profession or sentiments; provided he doth not disturb the public peace, or obstruct others in their religious worship.

And So These "Separatists" in 1608 fled England for Holland and in 1620 left Holland for America

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA

2.) Is The Spirit of Liberty:

2Cor. 3:17

Now the Lord is that Spirit; and **where the Spirit of the Lord is**, there is liberty.

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...”

If our liberties are going to be defended and maintained, who will be the one defending them and maintaining those liberties for our children and for our grandchildren? - if not us and our generation, then who?

**I Tremble When I Ask,
“Who Will Pass The True History of Our Nation
to Our Children ?”**

Deut. 6:5-7

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. :6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. :7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

*"Let the children be carefully instructed
in the principles and obligations of the Christian religion."*

**Signer of the Declaration of Independence
Dr. Benjamin Rush**

Fisher Ames

Author of **The First Amendment wrote,**

"Why should not the Bible regain the place it once held as a school book? Its morals are pure, its examples captivating and noble. The reverence for the Sacred Book that is thus early impressed lasts long; and probably if not impressed in infancy, never takes firm hold of the mind."

If **The Public System, or even "a **Christian School**" isn't Teaching Your Kids According to What Our Founding Father Fought for - Then Who Will?**

**"Hey - It Worked with Our Two Daughters -
Now Lisa and I are Praying Again for Our Granddaughter
"to love the bible from infancy - to **know** it - to **see** it - to **hear** it"**

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA

3.) Is The Spirit of Happiness:

Psa. 33:12

Blessed (heb. Happy) is the nation whose God **is the LORD**,

The Declaration of Independence

"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.

June 28, 1787

Benjamin Franklin

Inventor, Statesman, Ambassador, Founding Father

I have lived, Sir, 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 an Empire can rise without his Aid?

How important is happiness to you and To those you know and love ?

1Tim. 2:1-3

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, :2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and **peaceable** (happy) life in all godliness and reverence. :3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA

4.) Is The Spirit of **Independence**:

Since 1620 up until recently, Americans have been known the world over for our love of freedom, which resulted in an unquenchable love for Independence.

The Human Heart Yearns for Independence.

Not Independence from **Society** **Not** from **God** **Not** from **Others**

But an Independence from Tyrannical Governments.

Samuel Adams

Founding Father, Revolutionary, Governor of Massachusetts

“THE supreme Ruler of the Universe, having been pleased, in the course of his Providence, to establish **the Independence of the United States of America**, and to cause them to assume their rank, amount the nations of the Earth, and bless them with Liberty, Peace and Plenty; we ought to be led by Religious feelings of Gratitude; and to walk before Him, in all Humility, according to his most Holy Law.”

**Christian, Remember This;
Your Soul Cannot Be Owned, It Can Only Be Yielded.
That's your choice and mine to do.**

Benjamin Franklin

Inventor, Statesman, Ambassador, Founding Father

“This will be the best security for maintaining our liberties. A nation of well-informed men who have been taught to know and prize the rights which God has given them, these cannot be enslaved. It is in the “Religion of Ignorance” that tyranny begins.

In the hearts and minds of people around the world,
America is still the only country where people are trying to break into it,
not out of it....

Because of those “**Distant Things**” that once made America
the envy of the world

Jer. 12:17

But if they do not obey Me, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation,”
says the LORD.

THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA

5.) Is The Spirit of Freedom:

This past Wednesday night, Pastor Chuck Smith stood right here and gave a
great illustration about a muskrat getting its paw caught in a trap...
that muskrat chewed its foot off to get free.

Even a muskrat loves its freedom enough to lose it’s own foot.

“Only a virtuous people are capable of freedom.

As nations become more corrupt and vicious, they have more need of masters.” - -

Inventor, Statesman, Ambassador, Founding Father
Benjamin Franklin

We have more laws and rulers and the biggest government in American history.
But we less freedom at this hour then ever...

Our Current Government Views Jesus and Christians as the Problem
in America and Perhaps we are.

*We want to see prayer **put back** in school again,*

*We want to see **In God We Trust put back** in cities,*

*We want to see **The Ten Commandments put back** in courts,*

*We want to see **Statesman, not Politicians put back** in public office*

*We want to see **the Lords blessing put back** upon this nation.*

Prov. 22:28

Do not remove the ancient landmark Which **your fathers have set.**

**Noah Webster,
Statesman, Founding Father
Author of the first American Speller, Creator of the Dictionary**

"The Christian religion, in its purity, is the basis, or rather the source of all genuine freedom in government. . . . and I am persuaded that no civil government of a republican form can exist and be durable in which the principles of that religion have not a controlling influence."

John 8:36

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

**John Hancock
A Proclamation on April 15, 1775**

"In circumstances as dark as these, it becomes us, as Men and Christians, to reflect that while every prudent measure should be taken to ward off the impending judgments, ...at the same time all confidence must be withheld from the means we use; and reposed only on that God rules in the armies of Heaven, and without His whole blessing, the best human counsels are but foolishness..."

"The highest story of the American Revolution is this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity."

**John Adams
Founding Father & President of The United States**

"The Bible is worth all other books which have ever been printed."

Patriot Orator Patrick Henry

"The reason that Christianity is the best friend of Government is because Christianity is the only religion that changes the heart."

**Author of the Declaration of Independence
President of The United States**

Thomas Jefferson

John Adams wrote on October 11, 1798:

"We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Church, We The Christian have failed to love and Honor Our Country.
We have enjoyed the fruit that can only grow from the blood and toil of others that have
gone before us.... - We Must Tell Heaven We Are Sorry !!!

Would You Say Our Nation is Groaning, Unhappy and in Peril ?

Prov. 29:2

When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice;
But when a wicked man rules, the people groan.

THE CALL 2 FALL IS NOW

At this hour our Nation is Peril. // Our Leaders are divided
Along our southern coasts our gulf is peril. // Our nation is fighting multiple wars.
Our economy is beyond repair // the constitution is being picked apart

WILL YOU JOIN ME TODAY

LETS FALL