

THANKING GOD FOR FREEDOM

I. Our Freedom in Christ

- A. What it is: free from sin's penalty, power, presence; & perpetrator
- B. What it is not: to sin; indulge the flesh; to do as we want to (its to do as we ought to); claim freedom to cover bad behavior; harm others or ourselves; or free from all restraints, structure, or order

II. Our Freedom as Americans

A. The Declaration of Independence

1. The heart and soul of American government
2. Birth certificate of America

B. Our Founders

1. Acknowledged God – (**Laws of Nature & Nature's God; Creator; Supreme Judge of the World; Divine Providence**).
2. Acknowledges The Creator created all men equal (no one is born to rule or be ruled) with certain unalienable rights.
3. Legitimate government among men exists to secure those rights.
4. Government authority to rule rests upon the consent of the governed.
5. If government fails to do these things the people have the right to abolish that government for a new one.