

OUR FREEDOM

I. Jesus is why we are free

A. Jesus proclaimed it Lk. 4:18-20

B. Jesus provided it Jn. 8:31, 32, 36; 1 Jn. 3:8

1. Sin - Its penalty Rom. 8:1; power 8:2;6:14; presence 8:10

2. Satan - Heb. 2:14, 15, Col. 1:13

3. Sickness & disease Matt. 8:17; 1 Pet. 2:24

4. Curse Gal. 3:13, 14; Gal. 5:1

II. Truth is foremost in living free

A. Thief of freedom Jn. 8:44

B. 1 Kings 22:21, 23; Jonah 2:8

C. Truth is Jesus, Holy Spirit, light, protection, a judge

The core of our Freedom as Americans stems from the guiding truths in the Declaration of Independence. It is the heart and soul of American government as well as the Birth Certificate of America. If you will take the time to read it which only has 1458 words you will discover that Our Founders:

- 1. Acknowledged God – (Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God; Creator; Supreme Judge of the World; Divine Providence).**
- 2. Acknowledged God, Creator, gives men certain unalienable rights (God given & inseparable from the individual; inherent; not government given rights).**
 - all men are created equal (no man is born with a right to rule over another)**
 - all have the right to life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness (private property honestly earned and owned through labor)**
- 3. Legitimate government among men exists to secure and protect those rights.**
- 4. There is a higher moral law; the Laws of Nature and the Laws of Natures God. Below the moral law, government’s authority to rule rests upon the consent of the governed; government is limited in its jurisdictions over private areas.**
- 5. If government fails to do these things the people have the right to abolish that government and reconstitute a new one.**