

THERE IS A REASON WE ARE FREE

I. Grateful & Thankful

- A. Col. 1:12-14; Gal. 3:28 – To be a saved person in Christ
- B. John 8:31, 32, 36; Pr. 14:34 - Truth & Righteousness
- C. To be an American in a nation with the greatest freedoms

II. Truth & Righteousness in our Founding

- A. There is a Creator Who created all men equal
- B. The Creator gives man inalienable rights
- C. Government is to protect inalienable rights
- D. God Himself has given moral laws that can be known
- E. Consent of the governed
- F. Alter, abolish or create a new government

TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE DECLARATION

“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 affect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes.”

In Closing Appeal to: **Supreme Judge; Protection of Divine Providence**