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July 2021 Letter

Our Declaration of Dependence

Dear Friend,

On this coming Sunday, our nation will celebrate July 4th as a national holiday. Many Americans celebrate this date with little knowledge of the significance of what it holds for our country.

The 4th of July represents the traditional signing of our nation's Declaration of Independence from Great Britain. In actuality, historians tell us that the text of the document was only approved on that day. While some of our founding fathers may have signed it on July 4, 1776, the majority of the 56 members of the 2nd Continental Congress completed the signing on August 2, 1776.

The Declaration of Independence, drafted on behalf of the 13 American colonies, was a declaration of sovereignty against the tyranny of King George III of Great Britain.

I recently read through this powerful document. As I read, I came to feel that the providential hand of God was upon Thomas Jefferson (the principal author) when he penned those powerful words.

These men were not a group of uneducated, poor derelicts that were rebellious by nature. Rather, these fathers of our nation were men of extreme thought, education, science, and many of extreme wealth. The very language in this document testifies of a time when words were held with a great deal more value and weight than they are today.

Every grievance that was listed against King George III and Great Britain was spelled out in perfect detail. The colonists could no longer submit to a tyrannical authority.

The amazing part is that although these men declared our national independence on that day, it was not until more than a decade later that our actual independence was won through a long and very costly Revolutionary War.

If we were to look at this from a spiritual perspective, there are so many parallels that might be observed in regards to our independence from sin through the power of our new birth in Christ.

My objective presently is not to try to observe all the possible parallels or analogies, but rather to observe something that caught my attention in the last line of this document. The following is the last statement written in the Declaration of Independence:

“And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”

What this tells me is that these men had come to such a resolve in regards to the freedom of our nation, that nothing was beyond their sacrifice for the cause of that freedom. For the sake of the nation and their families, they were willing to give everything. They were willing to give it all!

This reminds me of something that Paul the apostle said of himself in regards to his walk in following Christ for the obedience of the ministry.

Php 3:7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

Php 3:8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

Paul came to the place, just like our founding American fathers, where he pledged everything to his pursuit of Christ. There was nothing in Paul's life that was withheld or reserved from allowing Christ to live out His life through Paul.

The founding fathers' Declaration did indeed cost them personally. History records that the signing of the Declaration of Independence proved to be very costly. Five signers were captured by the British and brutally tortured as traitors. Nine fought in the Revolutionary War and died from wounds or hardships. Two lost their sons in the war, and two others had sons captured. Some of these men lost their entire fortunes. One thing was certain for all of them once they signed their names – if the colonies did not win the war, it would mean the gallows for each of them.

Paul's last testimony to his spiritual son Timothy was written in his final epistle just before his death.

2Ti 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

2Ti 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith:

2Ti 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

We are presently called to an “end-time spiritual war” for the harvest of souls. Billions of people are in the balance between Heaven and Hell.

God is raising up a spiritual army that is increasingly becoming aware of the cost for Revival. This army realizes that nothing less than the entire pledge of their time, fortunes, and all self-ambitions must be made in a declaration of total dependence on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our salvation.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

56 men signed our nation's Declaration of Independence. One man signed our spiritual declaration of independence from sin with His own blood on the cross.

Our decree should be this, and I ask that you would say these words out loud as you read this letter:

“Lord Jesus, we pledge to You our time, our lives, our fortunes, our ambitions, and most of all, our solemn affections to love You more than our own lives. This is our declaration of dependence upon you! Amen!”

Candy and I want to thank you once again for your continued monthly support. These thank-yous are not coming from some place of mechanics, but rather a sincere appreciation for your giving into this ministry.

We love and appreciate you so much!

Blessings,
Pastor Bronc