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**T**his past weekend the United States celebrated their independence from England. In the years that followed 1776 there was a long war for our independence with the help from the French. The freedoms that are guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States are continually under attack from within the government of the United States.

Several examples include:

- Putting Japanese American citizens in concentration camps during World War II.
- Denying the vote to women and minorities up to the 1960's.
- The House Un-American Activities Hearings by Senator Joseph McCarthy in the 1950's.

See: <http://huac.tripod.com/>

- Today the Constitution is again being trampled on by the Patriot Act.

See:

- <http://www.epic.org/privacy/terrorism/hr3162.html>
- [http://www.eff.org/Privacy/Surveillance/Terrorism\\_militias/20011031\\_eff\\_usa\\_patriot\\_analysis.php](http://www.eff.org/Privacy/Surveillance/Terrorism_militias/20011031_eff_usa_patriot_analysis.php)
- <http://www.bayarea.com/mld/mercurynews/news/6233972.htm>
- <http://news.google.com/news?q=%22Patriot+Act%22&hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&start=10&sa=N>

Throughout the entire history of man there have been continuous attempts to destroy the freedom of the people. This dates back to the days in the Bible with the fall in the Garden of Eden.

### Genesis 4:1-26

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the

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voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.

20 And Adah bare Jabel: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.

21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.

22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.

23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt.

24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

When you read the Bible we see how Cain twisted the concept of freedom. When God asked him about Able Cain responded with the now famous phrase, "Am I my brother's keeper?" As the story continues we see how Cain talks about his freedom and how he has become a vagabond. We also see the arrogance of Cains descendants when Lamech boasts how he also killed a man and he will be avenged seventy and sevenfold if he is judged.

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This is an example of how the concept of freedom is continually being corrupted by the world. Many strongly believe that freedom means the right to sin and hurt others. Look at the arrogance of the world today with their total disregard for life. Many believe that killing and murdering is normal. Just like Cain and his descendants became worse as time went on, the world today is wallowing in the mire of sin and degradation.

The Christian needs to be vigilant about protecting the freedom that he has inherited. There are many who are seeking to destroy your freedoms that you enjoy. How many of you remember back to the 1960's when there were peaceful protesters who were shot? How many remember Kent State? The assault on American freedom will soon attack the church. There are many who will like to see the freedom that the church enjoys removed. The freedom of religion and speech along with the freedom of the press and right to bear arms are all precious. These are the precepts that have made America what it is today. If you take away one of the freedoms we enjoy you will see others taken away.

There is another aspect to freedom that I have not mentioned and that is you are only free when you obey God. There is no freedom when you are following Satan and doing wickedness. When you live in sin you will become the slave of sin. How many want to quit smoking or

drinking and find that they cannot quit. In their quest for freedom they have become slaves of Satan. Jesus can free you from the strong bonds of Satan. He can make you free from sin.

### **Romans 6:11-23**

11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

19 I speak after the manner of men because

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of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

If you are not born again these precepts that Paul wrote are impossible for you to follow. Being a servant of Satan it is impossible for you to follow the precepts of God. If you are tired of living a sin filled life where everything is filled with wickedness then it is time for you to repent like it says in the Bible.

### Acts 2:37-40

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye

shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

The same admonition is for the world today to save themselves from this untoward generation. Are you ready to ask Jesus Christ into your life? Are you ready to seek the Lord and repent of your sin? Now is the time to tell the Lord Jesus that you are sorry for living in sin. Now is the time to seek the Lord with all of your heart and seek his divine forgiveness. If you have troubles with any addiction ask Jesus to heal you. He helped me with a 4 pack of cigarettes a day habit. Jesus even took away the desire to smoke. I have seen others who have been delivered from drugs, alcohol, and any other problems that you have.

Jesus is calling you today to allow him to create in you a new person. Are you ready for a new life? Open your heart to Jesus Christ today and enjoy true freedom.