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We hear a lot about freedom and security on the news and from the campaigns of the presidential candidates. When I look at Independence Hall where the Declaration of Independence was proclaimed on July 4, 1776, I see a nation that has been imprisoned in the name of security! There are armed guards patrolling the perimeter with security fences to keep the citizens away from the building.



Independence Hall

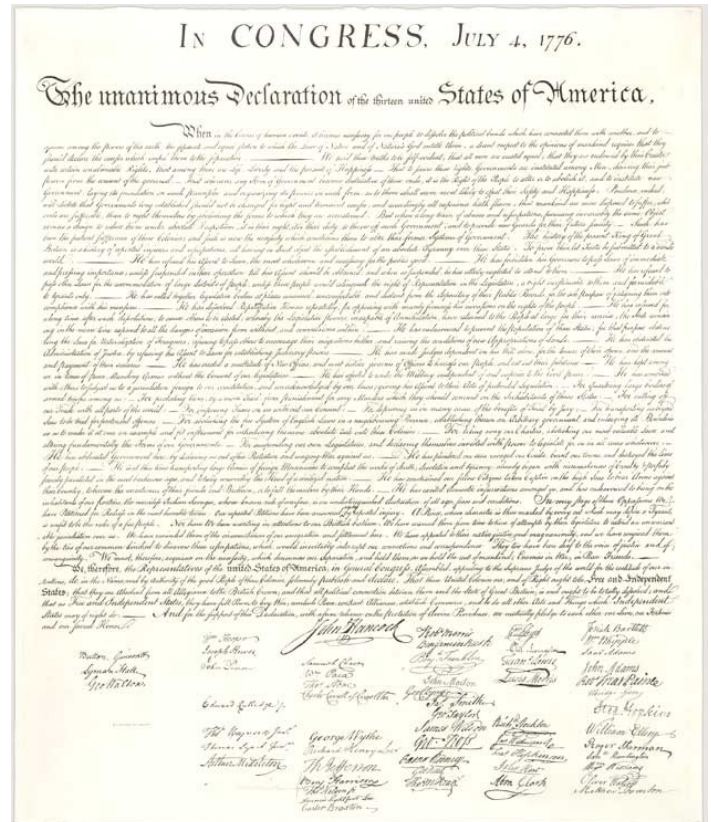
When I grew up the Liberty Bell was in the entry way of Independence Hall. There were tour guides to show you where the Continental Congress met and all of the marvelous aspects of 18<sup>th</sup> century colonial life. Today, the tour guides are armed guards patrolling the grounds!

Since September 11, 2001 the United States has become a nation concerned more with security than with freedom and liberty. The Patriot Act along with other legislation has nipped away at our freedoms all in the name of security. But, are we any more safer today than the morning of September 11, 2001? Have any of these security measures provided us with any real security from attack?

The media along with our elected representatives keep telling us that we have to relinquish our rights and freedom in the name of security. Read-

ing email without a warrant is the same as reading your regular mail without a warrant. If you want some semblance of security, you would encrypt your email with tools like GnuPG or PGP. Both of these give a little security but it is rumored that the NSA has the keys to decrypt any message sent with either of these tools.

Real freedom and real security do not come from the government or your own methods. The founding fathers of the United States realized this when they drafted the Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson wrote in the second paragraph:



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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.

Our true rights and freedoms come from our Creator, Jesus Christ the Lord. True liberty and freedom do not come from the government. We continue to see the government chip away at the U.S. citizens' rights and freedoms supposedly guaranteed in the bill of rights portion of the Constitution. We see all of the governments of the world marching toward a one-world government headed by the False Prophet and the Antichrist who are both under the total control of Satan.

## **Revelation 13:1-18**

1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship

him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

9 If any man have an ear, let him hear.

10 He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

Look at the above chapter and contemplate the ramifications on the current banking system. How many of us pay our bills by the Internet? How many of us get our pay via direct deposit? How many of us use the Internet to file our taxes? Can you see how easy it will be for the Antichrist to take over the banking system?

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Thus real security and freedom can only come from the Lord. I see the era called the great tribulation coming in our lifetime. The rise of the Antichrist and the False Prophet is soon at hand. I do not know the day or even the year, but I can see the signs of the times.

We are living in the time just before the great tribulation! The nations of the world are all aligning themselves against Israel! The President of Iran (Persia) has already declared that he will initiate Armageddon! What other signs do you need to realize the signs of the time?

## **John 8:32-36**

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?

34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Thus only the born-again Christian who is filled with the Holy Ghost has the real freedom and security. What the world and your government offer is just a false hope. Our rights and freedoms come only from the Lord Jesus Christ as Thomas Jefferson alluded to in the Declaration of Independence.

## **John 1:1-14**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7 The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

8 He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

When Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Declaration of Independence that we are endowed by our Creator, he was referring to the scripture written in the Bible. The men who met here in Philadelphia in the summer of 1776 were men who heard the Word of God preached every Sunday. The majority went to an Episcopal Church that is still standing on 2<sup>nd</sup> and Church Streets here in Philadelphia.

Though for the most part they were Christian in name only, they knew that the Creator and Savior is Jesus Christ the Lord. They also knew that freedom comes only from the Lord Jesus Christ. Without Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior you are a slave! You are a slave to sin, Satan, and the state. If you trust in the state for your freedom and liberty, you will never be free.

True freedom and security only comes from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Without the Lord's blessing, power, and protection you have nothing but bondage and slavery. Just as the Jews were attempting to justify themselves to Jesus Christ, you

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are also bound just like they were.

The world wants you to believe that living in sin, adultery, fornication, lasciviousness, greed, and every other sin mentioned in the Bible is freedom, but in actuality you are in bondage to all of those sins. Look at all of the advertisements for items to help you quit the cigarette habit. If you were not bound and a slave to the cigarette habit you would be able to quit with ease.

Look at the lives that have been messed up by fornication. How many women are living in poverty raising a child or children who they do not even know who the father is? We hear about the poor women all of the time, but in the majority of cases both the man and the woman agreed to copulate.

How many men are supporting a child because of a one night fling? Those who choose to live in sin become a slave of that sin. When I became born-again and the Lord filled me with His divine and marvelous Spirit, all of the lusts and passions that I was enslaved to vanished. No longer was I

enslaved to the lust of the flesh! I became free from the bondage of sin!

Only through repentance and seeking the Lord Jesus Christ will you ever have true freedom and security. When Saint Peter was thrown into jail for preaching Christ, an angel of the Lord released him from his shackles<sup>1</sup>. Only the Lord Jesus Christ can deliver you from this world of sin and death. Only Jesus Christ can give you the security and freedom that you seek.

Come to Christ today and become a new creature in Christ. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost everything becomes new. Old things are passed away. Jesus is calling you today to turn your life over to him. Won't you come and seek the Lord today? Don't you want to be free from the wages of sin? How many times have you tried to quit your life of sin and have failed? Come to Jesus and be made into a new creature in Christ today. Enjoy the new freedom that the Lord has for you!

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1 Acts 12:1-10

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