

Happy Independence Day America!

“It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor. No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency . . . We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right which Heaven itself has ordained.”

– President George Washington New Port Rhode Island October 1789

I. INTRO/REVIEW

Galatians 3:1 (CEB) You irrational Galatians! Who put a spell on you? Jesus Christ was put on display as crucified before your eyes!

- A. TRUE OR FALSE? $1 + 1 = 1$
 - Paul had to take them/us back to school
- B. The Blood of Christ = Redemption
- C. Satan is cunning, but he is not creative. He knows the word but he has no TRUTH in him

Genesis 3:5 (CEB) God knows that on the day you eat from it, you will see clearly and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.

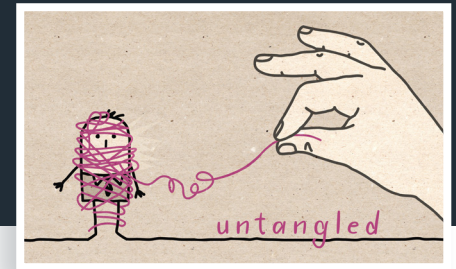
- He knew who they were, and he was able to get them off the TRUTH and into a LIE

II. NEW NATURE

- A. NOW the one true, core, and in some ways only real problem for humanity: We needed a NEW NATURE—not just a regulator that helped me keep the law
- B. Revelation 13:8 calls Jesus “The lamb who was slain before the foundations of the world” (**Revelation 13:8, Revelation 17:8, Genesis 3:15, 1 Peter 1:18-20**)
- C. One of the main reasons that the law was even given was to show me I could not keep the law

“I am not righteous because of anything I did or did not DO. However because I am righteous there are now things I do, and do not do.” – Rev. George Moss, way back in the day at Joy

- D. How did I get my salvation: FAITH IN WHAT GOD DID!
 - How do I mature: FAITH IN WHAT GOD DID!



Galatians 5-16:18 (NKJV) I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

- Once you are BORN AGAIN (have a new nature), if you by choice or by default follow after the flesh, it is a matter of losing your victory. It is a matter of an unlived life. It is a matter of a fruitless (God fruit) life

III. 3 KEY ENCOURAGEMENTS TO THE CHURCH IN GALATIANS 5 & 6

A. STAND FAST

- Search out WHO YOU ARE in CHRIST—it is your FOUNDATION

2 Corinthians 5:21 (CEB) God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.

B. WALK IN THE SPIRIT

- Give room to the Holy Spirit to come along side and to assist you, to speak to you, to lead you
 - Red light, green light, yellow light and the POWER to do all three

C. DO NOT GROW WEARY

Ephesians 5:19 (KJV) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

- David encouraged himself in the Lord; you're gonna have to become your favorite preacher and worship leader!
- Gather together frequently
- Encourage one another in the LORD

Jude 1:20 (KJV) But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost