

BIBLICAL RIGHTS  
REVELATION 22:14-17

Introduction:

- A. On July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776 representatives from the 13 colonies signed a document known as “The Declaration of Independence.”
    - 1. The most quoted part of this declaration is this: “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.”
  - B. Today, on this 4<sup>th</sup> of July, let’s look at this quote and draw some spiritual applications from it.
  - C. The Bible has a lot say about freedom and certain rights that are promised only to the Christian.
- I. All Men Are Created Equal
- A. The New Testament is clear on this subject:
    - 1. There is no \_\_\_\_\_ with God, Romans 2:11
  - B. God wants all people to be \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 1. I Timothy 2:3-4    2. II Peter 3:9
    - 3. God \_\_\_\_\_ into the world that all the world might be saved. John 3:16-17
  - C. God shows His no partiality by making the terms of salvation the \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone. All must:
    - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the word of God. Romans 10:17
    - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is the Christ. John 8:24
    - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ of your sins. Acts 17:30
    - 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as the Christ the Son of God. Romans 10:9-10
    - 5. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to wash away their sins. Acts 22:16 ; I Peter 3:21
    - 6. You have the right to salvation, but only on God’s terms.
  - D. For those in Christ there is no \_\_\_\_\_. Galatians 3:28
  - E. God does not \_\_\_\_\_ an individual because of his station in life, his nationality, or his material possessions.
    - 1. He does however respect his character and judge his work.
    - 2. Acts 10:34-35
  - F. In the eyes of God all men are \_\_\_\_\_.
- II. We Are Endowed By Our Creator With Certain Unalienable Rights.
- A. The pursuit of Happiness.
    - 1. God wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 4:4
    - 2. There are times when it is hard to rejoice and be happy.
    - 3. But through it all we are told to \_\_\_\_\_.

4. We should rejoice because
  - a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ cleanses us. I John 1:7
  - b. We can overcome \_\_\_\_\_. I Corinthians 10:13
  - c. Of our \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 8:39
5. You have the right to rejoice and pursue happiness.

B. Liberty

1. \_\_\_\_\_ liberty (freedom) is found only in Christ. Luke 4:18
2. If you are looking elsewhere for freedom you are wasting your time.
3. Our freedom should not be used for \_\_\_\_\_. Galatians 5:1, 13
4. Knowing Jesus and His word frees us from sin. John 8:32
5. Romans 6:16-23
6. Christ frees us from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 8:1-2
7. You have a right to liberty.
8. Remember, true freedom is found only in Christ.

C. You have the right to \_\_\_\_\_. John 10:10

1. When Christ came into this world He brought with Him a standard by which we should live our lives.
  - a. When we live by Christ's standard our lives will be better and more abundant.
2. The real reason Christ came into the world was to \_\_\_\_\_ and give us hope of \_\_\_\_\_. John 10:27-28
3. Eternal Life comes \_\_\_\_\_ through Jesus Christ.
  - a. John 3:16
  - b. John 14:6
  - c. Matthew 25:46
  - d. Romans 6:23
  - e. I John 5:11-13

Conclusion:

- A. Like Any Other Right These Rights May Be Forfeited.
- B. These Rights Are Not Promised To Everyone, But Only To The Christian.
- C. We Should Never Think We Are Independent Of God.
- D. ARE YOU DEPENDING ON GOD TODAY?