

## **Individual Message**

**Title:** Real Liberty

**Text:** Galatians 5:1

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### **Real Liberty**

In response to **the British Parliament's enactment of the Coercive Acts in the American colonies, A network of patriots, known as the Committees of Correspondence**, convenes at Carpenter's Hall (now known as Independence Hall) in Philadelphia to plan future action.

Representatives from the 13 colonies met and discussed what needed to be the response to the King.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1776, those people met to vote on whether the colonies would become a free state and separate themselves from the tyranny of the rule of England.

Over the course of the next 48 hours, Thomas Jefferson was assigned to be the chief author of the document that would be sent to the king.

And on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776, 56 men signed their names to a document declaring freedom from tyranny and oppression.

- This was a clear Declaration of War... war against injustice, oppression, control
- That declaration launched a war that would cost them greatly, yet the cause was greater still.
  - Five signers were captured by the British as traitors and tortured before they died.
  - Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned.
  - Two lost their sons in the revolutionary army,
  - Another had two sons captured.
  - Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the revolutionary war.
- They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.
- They signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Patrick Henry in the year to come, gave a speech where he declared, "Give me liberty or give me death!"

**They all were going to fight, and if necessary, die for freedom**

**And so, they went to war.**

General Dwight Eisenhower once said (source unknown), “War is a terrible thing. But if you’re going to get into it, you’ve got to get into it all the way.”

Galatians 5:1 NIV

*“It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”*

Galatians 5:1 KJV

*“Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”*

There seems to be declaration of war from Christians who stand for the progressive left and the alt right.

- The Progressive left – abandoned the commands of the bible and create a faith of their own making. God and His commands have no bearing on their daily life.
- The Alt right – Attempting to create a religious state out of this secular society and stands in condemnation of all sinners in the land

It is as if the church of Jesus has forgotten that they are at war not with one another... but against the enemy of our souls. Not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers.

Countless hours bickering and drawing lines in the sands of our time, all the while losing ground to the destroyer of souls. The line that must be drawn is the line between the Godly prayers of the lovers of God’s Truth against the falsehoods of the enemy.

Because we have not been fighting the right battle we must regroup and see the true battle before us and each one of stand firm against the ways and will of the enemy and hold fast the ways and will of the Lord.

## **I. Stand Firm**

### **a. Background**

- i. Judaisers making them chose to be Jewish before they could be Christ
- ii. Returning to old law practices

### **b. Modern Equivalents**

Pharisees – Law

Modern religiosity = Legalism

No love of Christ

Sadducees – No Resurrection

Modern Religiosity = Loose

No life in Christ

Our approach – STAND FIRM

- A call to action
- Not a weak action
- Not going to back down on these things

## II. Liberty

Acts 13:39

*Through him everyone who believes is set **free** from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.*

Romans 6:1-2

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?*

**Ελευθερια – freedom**

What it means = Biblical Freedom

- We will be Biblical – not more and not less
- We will avoid sin
- We will avoid the appearance of sin
- We will walk as victors and not victim

What it Doesn't mean = Presumptive Freedom

- We cannot choose to sin and expect all to be well
- We cannot continue to think God does not care about our sin habits
- We cannot because we “said a prayer” we can do anything, anytime we want.

Micah 6:8 NIV

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

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| • Act Justly               | Stand Firm –    |
| • Love Mercy               | In the Liberty- |
| • Walk Humbly with you God | In Christ       |

## III. Christ Set You Free

John 8:36

*“So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”*

- Your bonds have been broken

Conclusion