

## SPC 55 - One Nation Under God

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Our Msg last wk was titled "**God & Government**"  
& as I said - it was **NOT** a TOPICAL msg  
it was simply the next Vs's in our study of ROM's

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Well - our Msg today IS a TOPICAL Msg

& the TOPIC for today is  
the Godly Heritage of this Great Country we live in

I need to give full credit to WALLBUILDERS.COM  
for both the concept, & information

I encourage you to go to their website - & get involved

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April 19, 1775 - The morning after Paul Revere's Ride  
70 men lined up on the Lexington Green in the MASS Colony

Not a trained army - but primarily a Pastor  
& the men & boys in his congregation (the Minutemen)

ready to stand for Freedom - against 6 Co's of the British military  
(800 trained soldiers) who were in position just 150 ft away

Capt. Parker - walked up & down the line of the 70 - & he said  
*"Do not fire unless fired upon. But if they mean to have war,  
then let it begin HERE."*

& then - the shot "*heard round the world*" was fired  
& the fight for FREEDOM in this country began

& in the following 8 ½ years  
the greatly outmanned & out-gunned American soldiers

miraculously defeated the far larger & far better equipped  
British Army & Navy

& it was DURING this war - the Declaration of Independence  
was ADOPTED by the Colonial Congress - on July 4, 1776

Ultimately making the Colonies of America  
**ONE NATION UNDER GOD**

That was 1776 - but this country had been in the  
creation & foundation stage for 150 years prior to that

& it was in those crucial years - that the foundation  
for this Country was actually forged

& what many today would like to ERASE  
is the Crucial & Fundamental Role that God & God's Word played

in Forging the Foundation of this **ONE NATION UNDER GOD**

So our purpose today  
is to briefly review how God & God's Word

gave Clear Direction & a Strong Foundation  
for the birth of this Great Country

Let's Pray

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**Contrary** to much of what we see today

this country's **forefathers** made the **Bible**  
the actual, practical **CENTER** of their lives - & decision making

Our **forefathers** saw the Bible **NOT** just as a spiritual guide,  
but as a practical guide for every day of life

& so (naturally) the **Bible** was sown into the fabric  
of **HOW** the people of this new country should live

The great Patriot **Patrick Henry** who's famous  
"Give me Liberty or give me death" speech  
was delivered in a Virginia Church in **1775**

**wrote this**; ***The Bible is a book worth more than all the other books that were ever printed***

The famous educator **Noah Webster**  
(Webster's Dictionary - 1<sup>st</sup> Published in **1806**);

**wrote this**; ***The Bible is the chief moral cause of all that is good, & the best corrector of all that is evil in human society.***

Another webster (not related) **Daniel Webster** - A great legal  
Defender of the Constitution & Secretary of State;

**wrote this**; ***To the free & universal reading of the Bible, men are much indebted for right views of civil liberty. The Bible is a book which teaches man his own individual responsibility, his own dignity, and his equality with his fellow man***

**THAT** - is how **CENTRAL** the **Bible** was  
to lives of our **forefathers**

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But let's take a minute to go back to the real beginning

Where did our Founding Fathers get  
their commitment to God & God's Word

They were HEIRS to a Godly heritage  
that began in this land 150 years earlier

In the 1620's - the Pilgrims & Puritans really began arriving  
on our shores (130 years after Columbus)

& they came here with One Primary Book - THE BIBLE

In fact - their love for the Bible - & commitment to the Reformation  
was a huge part of what drove them here

& one of their primary purposes in coming to The New World  
was to form a society BUILT on God's WORD

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in 1647 - the settlers began arriving in huge numbers  
& education became a real need

& in one of the earliest Public Education Laws in the Colonies  
was the Code of 1650

it stated - the Purpose of the Public Education System was  
*to FIRST insure that all students had a thorough knowledge of  
the Scriptures*

& 40 yrs later - still concerned about Public Education

**the 1690 CONN illiteracy law** - states, as its purpose  
***This Legislature observing, notwithstanding our former orders made for the education of Children, there are many persons unable to read the English tongue, and thereby incapable of reading the Holy Word of God, or the good laws of this state.***

in that same year (1690)

the 1<sup>st</sup> text book was printed in the American Colonies

it was called, ***"The New England Primer"***

& it was the primary text book for American Education  
for over 200 yrs - Until the early 1900's

It started off with Phonics - then came the Rhyming alphabet

To help the students memorize - there was a picture depicting  
a BIBILCAL EVENT placed by each letter

& then a Rhyme for the student to learn - For Example;

A - (pic of the Garden, &) ***In Adam's fall, we sinned ALL***

B - (pic of the Bible, &) ***Heaven to find, the BIBLE Mind***

C - (pic of the Cross, &) ***CHRIST crucified, for sinners died***

& EVERY single letter had with it  
a Bible Picture, & a Bible Rhyme

& in the back of this first American textbook were 170 questions  
to test Grammar school students

MOST of which - had to do with God's Word

An example from the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade test section;

***What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from Justification, Adoption, and Sanctification?***

**for 200** of our **very first years** - this was **THE** textbook in America

& you can STILL buy this textbook today

from **WALLBUILDERS.COM** - (*I read some of it online*)

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**jump ahead 84 years to SEPT 6, 1774**

The opening session of the **Colonial Congress** - the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting

**The record** of this session can **easily be found** & read today

**& if** you do read it - you will **find** that the men  
of the **1<sup>st</sup> Colonial Congress** - *in their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting*

**PRAYED for THREE HOURS** & did a **Bible study** on PSALM 35  
all of which are clearly recorded in the Records of Congress

***Just stop & think about that for a minute !!***

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**jump to 1776**

when the **Congress** appointed a **Committee** to draft  
the **Declaration of Independence**

**56 men** were appointed to draft the **Declaration**  
that would literally **change** the history of this world

But **pls listen** carefully - **24 of the 56 signers** of the *Declaration of Independence* - had **full seminary degrees**

Nearly **ONE-HALF** of the signers of the **document** that **birthed** this Nation - were **Ordained Ministers** & **Pastors**

& **most of the others** were **leaders** in their churches

They **believed** in *Divine Moral Absolutes*

& they **clearly wrote** those *Divine Absolutes* right into our *Declaration of Independence*

And **WHERE** (technically) did these men **find** the ideas **that made** the *Declaration of Independence* like **NO OTHER** *Governing document* in the world

**We know** from the **signers** themselves that **many of the concepts** used for the *Declaration of Independence*

came from a writing by **JOHN LOCKE** called ***"Two Treatises of Government"***

in which the **Bible** is mentioned no less than **1500 times** in **less than 400 pages** - - (*can still get this today*)

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& **here's another** incredible **proof** of the **Faith** of our *Founding Fathers*

Prior to the *Declaration of Independence*

**England** (church of England) had made it **illegal** to publish an **English Bible**

But as soon as the **Declaration of Independence** was signed

one of the signers - **Benjamin Rush** - started the  
**1<sup>st</sup> Bible Society** in this country - to spread the Word of God

& within 8 yrs **the same men** who SIGNED our  
*Declaration of Independence* had started **121 Bible Societies**

for the **SOLE PURPOSE** of getting God's Word  
into the hands of the people in this country

**One of those** Bible Societies - the **American Bible Society**  
still distributes *millions of Bibles* around the world - **every year**

Let me **say** that **AGAIN**

The **VERY SAME men** who signed the *Declaration of Independence*

**Started 121 Bible Societies** in the following 8 years  
to Get God's Word to **FLOOD** this new Country

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**Benjamin Rush** wrote about the signing of the Declaration

**he said** they sat in **silence** in the room  
knowing that **hanging** would be their **probable end**

& **Benjamin Rush** wrote - "*I sat next to John Adams in Congress,  
and upon my whispering to him and asking him if he thought we  
should succeed in our struggle with Great Britain. He replied  
'Yes, if we fear God and repent of our sins.' "*

**Imagine that room** - As 56 Prominent Leaders of the Colonies **signed** in essence - their own **Death Warrant** for **Treason** against the King of England

& as they **sat in silence** - the **Declaration** was laid out with **two silver pens** & two ink wells

& the **Secretary** would call these men **1 by 1** to the **front** of the room

to **sign** the most important **GOV'T document** in the **history** of the world

**Many** of these 56 men watched **their homes** be burned  
watched **their sons** die in the war  
gave up **ALL** their **material fortunes**  
& many **were killed** before our freedom was won

& **did you know**, that not long ago **in TX** - the **ACLU** filed a **lawsuit** saying that it is **Unconstitutional** to require **public schools**

to study the *Declaration of Independence* - because it **mentions God** too often - - (*fortunately, they lost*)

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**moving ahead to 1781** - the **end** of the American Revolution  
& the **miraculous defeat** of the British army

In that **same year** a plan was advanced - **IN CONGRESS**  
to **print & distribute** America's **1<sup>st</sup> English language Bible**

The **FIRST** English language Bible printed in AMERICA  
was printed **BY CONGRESS - with TAX Money**

it was called the **Bible of the Revolution**  
& there are only **26 left** in the world today

On **SEPT 12, 1782** the FULL Congress approved this Bible

& the Records of Congress surrounding this **Bible** state;

*It is a needed addition of the Holy Scriptures,  
for the use of our SCHOOLS*

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**Moving ahead to 1787** - & the Constitutional Convention

where the work of the Delegates from **each** Colony  
**produced** a Brand New Gov't document called

**The United States Constitution**

One of the **longest speeches** at that Constitutional Convention,  
was delivered by **Benjamin Franklin**, who was 81 yrs old,

& one of **only 6 men** who signed **BOTH** the  
Declaration of Independence (11 yrs earlier) AND the Constitution,

& BTW - **Benjamin Franklin** was definitely  
one of **the LEAST Religious** of all the Founding Fathers

& on **JUNE 28, 1787** - during a very difficult time of the convention -

He addressed the president of the Convention **George Washington**

**Remember** - this is **6 years AFTER**  
the end of the war with Great Britain

## **Benjamin Franklin;**

***"In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the Divine Protection.***

***Our prayers were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor. And have we now forgotten this powerful Friend? or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance?***

***I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth; That God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise, without His aide?***

***We have been assured in the Sacred writings, that unless the Lord build a house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this. And I also believe, that without His concurring aide, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel.***

***I therefore beg leave to move, that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberation, be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business."***

& **THAT** was the day - & **THAT** was the speech  
that **BEGAN** the institution of Congressional PRAYER

which **still stands TODAY**, over 200 yrs later

& **despite** the relentless efforts of **Anti-God** & **Anti-American** organizations like the **ACLU**

to **remove prayer** from all **public** events & **Gov't** activities

**We know** that our **Founding Fathers** would **NEVER** address the **Governing** of this Country

**without first** beseeching **God's Blessings** in prayer

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### **[CONGRESS SLIDE]**

Now - Maybe you've **heard** the "**mind controlling**" media **say** that our **Founding Fathers** were **not** Christians

that they were **Atheists**, **Agnostics** & **Deist's**

& **not only** the **Godless media**,  
but **also** the **Godless higher education system**

is **relentlessly** **indoctrinating** the next generations with these **lies**

But **here is the TRUTH**

there are about **250 men** considered the **Founding Fathers**

**10** or **12** of them (5%) were **Atheists** or **Agnostics**

In fact **Thomas Jefferson** who is called a **Diest**  
actually **claimed** to be a **Christian**

but he **didn't believe** in the **Deity** of Christ

& so - the Media & Education **focuses on the 5%**  
who were **not** Christians

& totally **disregards the 95%** of the Founding Fathers  
who built this Country as **ONE NATION UNDER GOD**

We could **easily quote** a hundred examples **PROVING** the  
**Commitment** of our Founding Fathers - to **God** & to the **Bible**

but let me just **quote a few**

Founding father **John Adams**;  
*The general principles on which the Fathers achieved independence were the general principles of Christianity. Now I will avow that I then believed and now believe, that those general principals of Christianity are as eternal & immutable as the existence and attributes of God"*

They say **George Washington** was an Atheist - yet **MOST**  
of the **paintings & statues** we have of **George Washington**  
**Show him Praying !!**

**Gouverneur Morris** - **Signer** of the Constitution  
**spoke** 173 times (the most) in the Constitutional Convention  
**AND** - he was the **penman** - he **wrote** the constitution

**He said** - *Religion is the only solid basis of good morals. Therefore, education should teach the precepts of religion and the duties of man toward God"*

**James Wilson** - Signer of the Constitution  
spoke 168 times (2<sup>nd</sup> most) at the Constitutional Convention

He **STARTED** our Law School system  
he wrote the 1<sup>st</sup> legal argument for the Constitution

**AND** - he was our **FIRST** Supreme Court Justice (not chief)

**He said** - *"Human law must rest its authority ultimately upon the authority of that law which is divine.*

*Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants."*

**THAT** - is a Quote from our **FIRST** appointed Supreme Court Justice

**These quotes** - or 100 more that I could put up  
**SURE** Don't sound like what they're **screaming** in the Press today

as **SEPARATION OF CHURCH & STATE**

But did you know - the phrase **"Separation of Church & State"**  
appears **NO-WHERE** in the **Constitution**  
or the **1<sup>st</sup> Amendment**  
**or any other** original governing document

in fact, in the **only mention** of religion in the **1<sup>st</sup> amendment** says;  
***"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"***

The **writer's purpose** for that phrase in the **1<sup>st</sup> Amendment**

was to **prevent** the Gov't from **establishing**  
a **Mandatory Religion**, such as the **Church of England**

The phrase 1<sup>st</sup> appeared in a private letter  
by our 3<sup>rd</sup> president - Thomas Jefferson

he was writing to a group of Baptist churches  
& he was reassuring them

That the Gov't would NEVER interfere with their  
public religious expressions or activities (*like the church of England*)

But guys - Thomas Jefferson was NOT even AT the  
Constitutional Convention

& he had no part in writing the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment - *he was in* EUROPE

he was not even a member of Congress  
when the Bill of Rights was adopted

& when Thomas Jefferson *was* in charge  
of the WASH D.C. schools

he required only TWO books MUST be used  
in the public schools - The BIBLE & the Watts Hymnal

YET - the courts have now taken that little phrase  
from a private letter by Jefferson

insuring the Gov't would never STOP public expression of religion

& they have used it to STOP public expression of religion  
which is the exact opposite of the purpose for which it was written

& now - this misapplied phrase - has become the Wrecking Ball  
to TRY remove God from the Fabric of this Nation

Consider this - **SINCE 1962**  
when **Prayer** & **Biblical Absolutes** were taken **out** of the classroom

We've had a **694% increase** in violent crime

**WHY?** - because we've **taught our children** there are  
**NO** **Biblical Absolutes** set down by **THE CREATOR**

We've **taught them** there are **NO Absolutes** at all  
& so they can grow up & **do whatever** they want

& it's **not only** Violent Crime but also **skyrocketing** in our country  
**since that time** are

**DIVORCE**, Out of Wedlock **BIRTHS**, & **ABORTIONS**

because **our courts** have decided it's *unconstitutional*  
to teach **Biblical Values** & **Moral Absolutes** to our children

But guys - **Abraham Lincoln** was RIGHT **when he said**;  
*"The Philosophy of the schoolroom in one generation will be  
the philosophy of government in the next"*

**THAT** is why the **Enemies of God** - are removing **Biblical Absolutes**  
& **replacing** them with *"Jim & John get Married"*

**Make no mistake** - this is a **Spiritual battle** for our **children**  
& for the **FUTURE** of our **Country**

& there are only **2 Spiritual Powers**

Only **ONE** of which **would want**  
**Godly** & **Moral Absolutes** *removed* from our Society

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& **BTW** - How DID **Thomas Jefferson**

(who wrote that misused quote about Church & State)

**HOW** did he really feel about **God** in America

**Thomas Jefferson** (wrote in 1782)

*"Can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction on the minds of the people that these liberties are the gift of God?*

***That they** are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever"*

**This country** has been the greatest Country in the World

BECAUSE we are ONE NATION UNDER GOD

But if that covering of GOD is removed

then I would ECHO the words of Thomas Jefferson;

*Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever"*

What is at stake is our Godly Heritage - & our Covering of God

It **IS** primarily a Spiritual War

& it must be fought 1<sup>st</sup> on Spiritual Ground

**But** the question is - ARE we (as Christians) Engaged in the Battle?

Are we doing our part ?

Are we upholding God's Righteousness?

Are we VOTING for Righteousness? . . . Are we *VOTING at all* ?

**Charles Finney**, (Not John Travolta) - the Famous Evangelist who sparked the Great Revival of the 1800's **said this**;

***"The church must take right ground in regard to politics. Politics are a part of a religion in a country as this, and Christians must do their duty to their country as a part of their duty to God.***

***God will bless or curse this nation according to the course Christians take in politics."***

**THAT** was a **serious statement** in the **1800's**  
**How much more** serious is it **now**?

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This Country was **Conceived**, & **Founded**,  
as **ONE NATION UNDER GOD**

& **we** - as Christians - Must do **ALL we can** - to uphold the  
**Righteousness** of God - that this country was built on

We MUST **Pray** - 1<sup>st</sup> & Foremost - **AND** we must do all we can to **ACT**

**John Hancock**; - 1<sup>st</sup> **Signer of the Declaration**;

***"I urge you, by all that is dear, by all that is honorable, by all that is sacred, not only to pray but to act."***

We're called to be **SALT & LIGHT** - in an increasingly Ungodly society  
**Let's** do all we can - **to CALL** this Nation - **BACK** to God

**I'd like to close with 2 Chron 7:14**

***14 if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.***

**Let's Pray**