

"LET FREEDOM RING"

Selected Passages

I. INTRODUCTION:

- A. The origins of the American Revolution – knowing the past:
 - 1. Two revolutions – the first and second Great Awakening:
 - a.
 - b.
 - 2. The "black robed" ministers as "points of light":
- B. Three God ordained institutions to guide a nation:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
- C. God's Word, our soul roadmap:
 - 1. The "fog" that has swept over the nation: (*Jud. 21:25b*)
 - 2. The "truth wars" of our culture: (*Jn. 3:21; 8:32; 14:6*) (*See back)
 - 3. Sandwiching truth, in love: (*Eph. 4:15; II Tim. 1:13; Col. 4:6*)

II. GOD'S REMEDY FOR A DECAYING CULTURE:

- A. Taking personal inventory in "examining myself": (*Ps. 139:23-24; II Cor. 13:5; Ezek. 22:30*)
 - 1. The sobering question about the spiritual depth of my home: (*Josh. 24:15*)
 - 2. The sobering question about my view of our government: (*Rom. 13:1-7; Pro. 21:1*)
 - 3. The sobering question about my involvement in this local church: (*Acts 4:32-35; I Cor. 12:12-14, 25-27*)
- B. Remembering my "first love": (*Jn. 3:16; Lk. 19:10; I Jn. 5:11-13; Rev. 2:4*)
 - 1.
 - 2.
- C. Praying for "one nation under God": (*II Chron. 7:14*) (*See back)
 - 1. Where I must begin - confession: (*Ps. 51; Dan. 9:3-10*)
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - 2. Where I must end up – my lost world: (*I Tim. 2:1-5; Eph. 6:19*)

III. PRINCIPLES TO PERSONALLY APPLY:

(Together becoming "people of the Word" in principle AND in practice)

- A.
- B.
- C.

SINNERS PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, I was made by you and I was made for you, but I have been living for myself. I am sorry for that self-rule you call sin. I believe that Jesus Christ being my creator God, died, was buried, and rose again to pay the insurmountable debt that my sin has created since birth. So right now, I am turning from a life of going my own way, to by faith, place my trust in Jesus Christ, to pay the debt of all my sin, and to get me to heaven, when I breathe my last breath. Lord Jesus, from today on, I am yours. Thanks for saving me, this very moment, in Jesus name, amen.

Absolute truth defined: "Absolute truth is that which is true for all people, in every situation, and for all of time. I must acknowledge that there are fundamental moral and ethical guidelines that exist independently of my own personal opinion. I acknowledge that the distinction between right and wrong is defined outside myself, it does not change from person to person, and it does not change from day to day."

Absolute truth defined: "Truth is defined by God for everyone, in every situation, for all of time. It is objective and absolute." God uses absolute truth to protect, provide and perfect me.

Tolerant truth defined: "Truth is defined by the individual. It is subjective and situational, largely governed by feelings rather than facts. Satan uses tolerant truth to deceive, divide, and destroy me." (Judg. 21:25)

"Prayer forces me to address my self-centeredness on a systematic basis, that manifests itself in my desire to live the Christian life and direct the affairs of His church, my way. Prayer becomes a daily reality in my life only when I truly believe that God can do things faster, bigger, better, and lasting longer, than anything I can do."

"I am part of this nation. . . . And the nation cannot repent unless I repent. The nation cannot believe unless I believe. The nation cannot turn to God unless I turn to God. The nation cannot be saved unless I am saved. The devotion and the fire and the flame must start with me." W.A. Criswell