

Celebrating Our Freedom – Part 1

”Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...” Psalm 33:12

A. The origin of our constitutional republic

1. Moses’ example of selecting representatives from among the people
 “But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.” (Exodus 18:21)
2. Scripture was a primary source of John Locke’s philosophy of liberty – over 1,500 references

B. The references to God, Divine Providence and Jesus Christ in our founding documents or in their writing

1. Mayflower Compact
 “Having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our King and Country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, do by these presents solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God, and one of another, covenant and combine our selves together into a civil body politic...”
2. Declaration of Independence
 “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.”

 “And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.”
3. The US Constitution
 “ I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth, prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven and its blessings on our deliberations be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business...”

As Americans, we have been given a rich heritage – steeped in the Christian faith. We must ensure this information is passed on to our children and grandchildren.

What can I do?

Little known quotations by some of our Founding Fathers:

George Washington – “While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.”

Thomas Jefferson – “I am a real Christian – that is to say, a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus Christ.”

Patrick Henry – “Being a Christian... is a character which I prize far above all this world has or can boast.”

John Quincy Adams – “In the chain of human events, the birthday of the nation is indissolubly linked with the birthday of the Savior. The Declaration of Independence laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity.”

Benjamin Franklin – (FRANKLIN’S EULOGY THAT HE WROTE FOR HIMSELF) - “The body of Benjamin Franklin, printer, like the cover of an old book, its contents torn out and stripped of its lettering and gilding, lies here, food for worms. Yet the work itself shall not be lost; for it will, as he believed, appear once more in a new and more beautiful edition, corrected and amended by the Author.”

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