

## Freedom

*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.—Galatians 5:1*

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was signed by the representatives of the colonies. In light of the recent Supreme Court rulings, the Declaration of Independence should be revisited as a reminder that this country was founded with an unequivocal affirmation of America's faith in God.

The Declaration of Independence makes five references to God. It proclaims God as Supreme Lawmaker, Creator, the Source of all rights, the Supreme Judge of the world, and the Protector of His people. The last sentence of the Declaration states "with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence."

Just as the "good People of the colonies", threw off the chains of bondage to Great Britain because the king was violating the rights and freedoms that God had given them, in Galatians we are told as believers we are brought into a state of liberty. We are free from the chains of keeping the law. Christ has made us free by satisfying the demands of the law.

Freedom is a Biblical concept. And as the signers of the Declaration of Independence pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to avow their God given liberty we need to pledge our lives to stand fast and proclaim the liberty we have in Christ.