

# Declaration of Independence

*Sunday July 3rd 2022*

## TYRANT:

- *a cruel and oppressive ruler.*
- *a person exercising power or control in a cruel, unreasonable, or arbitrary way.*

*When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.*

***The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,  
Congress, July 4, 1776***

*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.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed,*

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Declaring Independence  
from the tyranny of  
Legalism and Condemnation

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup> Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You who are trying to be

- Galatians 5:1-4

justified by the law have <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.

- Galatians 5:1-6

**7** You were running a good race. Who cut in on you to keep you from obeying the truth? **8** That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you. **9** "A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough." **10** I am confident in the Lord that you will take no other view. The one who is throwing you into confusion, whoever that may be, will have to pay the penalty. **11** Brothers and

**- Galatians 5:7-11**



sisters, if I am still preaching circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been abolished. <sup>12</sup> As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves! <sup>13</sup> You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

- Galatians 5:7-13

Declaring Independence  
from the tyranny of  
Urgency and Hurry

**30** The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. **31** Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." **32** So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

**- Mark 6:30-32**

**35** Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. **36** When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were **harassed** and **helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.**

**- Matthew 9:35-36**

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.

- Psalm 23:1-3

**28** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. **29** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. **30** For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

**- Matthew 11:28-30**

Declaring Independence  
from the tyranny of  
other people opinions

**2** Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. **3** I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. **4** My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

**- 1 Corinthians 4:2-4**



<sup>10</sup> Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? **If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.**

**- Galatians 1:10**

**14** The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. **15** The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person **is not subject to merely human judgments,** **16** for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

**- 1 Corinthians 2:14-16**

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