





## WHAT IS INDEPENDENCE?

- The state of being free or at liberty rather than in confinement or under physical restraint.
- Exemption from external control, interference, regulation, etc.
- The power to determine action without restraint.

**Galatians 5:1** - For freedom Christ has set us free; stand fast therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

**1 Peter 2:13-17** - Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For it is God's will that by doing right you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. <sup>16</sup> Live as free men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil; but live as servants of God. <sup>17</sup> Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

2 Corinthians 3:17 - Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**Romans 8:21 -** because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Romans 8:2 – For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death.

**I John 4:1- 6** – Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are of God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit which does not confess Jesus is not of God. This is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming, and now it is in the world already. <sup>4</sup> Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

**James 4: 7-8 -** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you men of double mind.

**2 Timothy 3:1-7 -** But understand this, which in the last days there will come times of stress. <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, fierce, haters of good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, <sup>5</sup> holding the form of religion but denying the power of it. Avoid such people. <sup>6</sup> For among them are those who make their way into

households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and swayed by various impulses, <sup>7</sup> who will listen to anybody and can never arrive at a knowledge of the truth.

Colossians 1:13 - He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son

**Ephesians 6:10-18 -** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we are not contending against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the equipment of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> besides all these, taking the shield of faith, with which you can quench all the flaming darts of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

**Ephesians 3:20 -** Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think.

**Galatians 5:19-25 -** Now the works of the flesh are plain: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, party spirit, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

**Deuteronomy 4:19 -** And beware lest you lift up your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be drawn away and worship them and serve them, things which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

- **2 Thessalonians 2:8-13** And then the lawless one will be revealed, and the Lord Jesus will slay him with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by his appearing and his coming. <sup>9</sup> The coming of the lawless one by the activity of Satan will be with all power and with pretended signs and wonders, <sup>10</sup> and with all wicked deception for those who are to perish, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. <sup>11</sup> Therefore God sends upon them a strong delusion, to make them believe what is false, <sup>12</sup> so that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness. <sup>13</sup> But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.
- **2 Corinthians 11:13-15 -** For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> So it is not strange if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.
- **2 Corinthians 11:3-4** But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. <sup>4</sup> For if some one comes and preaches another Jesus than the one we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you submit to it readily enough.
- **1 Corinthians 2:9 -** But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him".

**John 3:16 -** For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Hebrews 9:16,17 -** For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup> For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.