

# FREEDOMS BOUNDARIES

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## INTRODUCTION:

Freedom is the capacity to exercise choice or engage in certain actions without interference. Freedom does not mean complete release from all restraint.

Freedom therefore must be controlled or it creates anarchy and chaos. Adam and Eve had controlled freedom. Along with freedom comes responsibility. We live in the land of the free that offers freedom of speech, the press, petition, religion and more. With these freedoms come laws our Founding Fathers established that we are to abide by. They knew that even freedom had to be controlled.

**ROMANS 13:1-4 (GW)** - The laws our Founding Fathers established were based on the 10 commandments and principles of God's Word.

## QUOTES

James Madison, fourth President, known as the father of our constitution said "we have staked the whole of our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the 10 commandments of God."

Patrick Henry "give me liberty or give me death" also said "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians...not on religions but on the gospel of Jesus Christ."

John Jay, first Supreme Court Justice "providence has given our people the choice of their rulers, and it is the duty, as well as privilege and interest, of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for their rulers."

Newsweek magazine, on December 27, 1982, in an article entitled, How the Bible Made America, made this revealing statement, "historians are discovering that the Bible, perhaps even more than the Constitution, is our Founding document.

"Undoubtedly, the bible is the solid rock upon which our republic rests. For those who doubt this and believe that statements in the Declaration of Independence such as "the laws of nature and of nature's God" were products of the enlightenment, deism, or secularism, you may want to read quotes from founders such as Alexander Hamilton, Noah Webster, John Jay, William Findley, Rufus King, and James Wilson. All attested to the fact that "the laws of nature and of nature's God" refer to laws given by God Himself. John Quincy Adams stated that the phrase assumes the existence of a God, the moral ruler of the universe, and a rule of right and wrong. As a matter of fact, if a proposed article for the Constitution was not supported by, or rooted in the Bible, it was not considered. In their early writings, many of the

Founding Fathers quoted or referenced the Bible nearly four times more than any other source. No enlightenment, deism, or secularism here-only God and His Word.

## **A DIVINE MANDATE – 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4**

### **THE MOTIVATION:**

- To preserve public peace and provide good leadership.
- To please God by promoting righteousness and godliness.
- To promote the salvation of all men. **2 CHRONICLES 7:14**

## **FREEDOM IN CHRIST – GALATIANS 5:1**

As wonderful as our national freedoms are, they can't compare to the freedoms we have in Christ. This one verse speaks of freedoms boundaries. As the Israelites were freed from Egypt to serve God, even so the Christian has been liberated to serve Christ.

### **1. Freedom in Christ means freedom from:**

- A. Sin. ROMANS 6:17-18 (NLT)**
- B. Fear of death. HEBREWS 2:14-15 (NLT)**
- C. The laws condemnation. ROMANS 8:1-2**
- D. The laws curse. GALATIANS 3:13-14 (GW)**
- E. Every yoke of bondage: Religious oppression, humanism, modernism, new age, human philosophy, satanic oppression - LUKE 13:10-16 (GW), addictions. 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12 (GNT)**

### **2. Freedom in Christ means “IN BONDAGE TO CHRIST.”**

**MATTHEW 11:28-30**

- A. GALATIANS 5:13-14 (NLT) – Freedom has boundaries.**
- B. 1 PETER 2:16 (NLT) – Our liberty is not to be taken for granted or misused.**

**CONCLUSION:** Freedom is not free, many Americans fought and died in many wars to obtain the freedom we enjoy and sometimes abuse. As wonderful as our freedoms are, they're only temporal. There's a greater freedom that's eternal. Only one man fought and died to obtain it. **JOHN 8:31-36** - If every earthly freedom we have were taken away from us, we'd still be free from sin, fear, guilt, the curse and eternal separation, all because of Jesus.