

FREEDOM'S BOUNDARIES

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INTRODUCTION: Tomorrow, many will celebrate one of the things that make America great- **FREEDOM**. Freedom is the power to act, think and speak without hindrance or restraint. As wonderful as freedom is, freedom must have boundaries. If not, it can be abused and lead to anarchy. Who then establishes the boundaries?

OUR CREATOR

GEN. 2:15-17 – Boundaries needed established because of good and evil. They abused their freedom as did Lucifer.

EX. 8:1 – Liberated to serve God, not themselves. Boundaries were established on Mt. Sinai.

GAL. 5:13 (NLT) – Jesus liberated us not to use our freedom to satisfy our sinful nature, but to serve God and one another.

1. In both Testaments freedom was abused.

A. **1 COR. 10:5-11** – No boundaries, there's abuse, anarchy.

B. **1 COR. 6:9-11 (AMPC)**

- Fornicator refers to all kinds of sexual vice.
- Idolater refers to patrons of the temple Aphrodite. 1000 prostitutes were publicly kept, always ready for immoral indulgence.
- Effeminate refers to men who dressed and behaved as women and practiced sodomy.
- Abuser refers to homosexuality. Fourteen of the first fifteen Roman Emperors practiced it. Nero married two men. One was his husband, the other his wife. He also committed incest with his mother. William Barclay said this was the cancer that brought down the Roman Empire.
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AMERICA – PS. 33:12a

1. Some say America was never a Christian Nation.

A. What former American Presidents have said.

B. A South American President said “people came to my continent looking for Gold, but those who came to America were looking for God.”

C. The second paragraph of the Mayflower Compact begins with “for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith”.

2. What about separation of church and state?

A. Article of the first colonies being established.

3. What we once were as a nation.

A. Article on the original 13 state constitutions.

CONCLUSION: It cannot be denied that America was born a Christian nation and that our founding fathers knew the importance of establishing boundaries for our independence based on Christianity and Biblical principles. Consequently, God made America great and only God can make America great again.

PRAYER FOR AMERICA

1. Thank you for blessing America with favor, freedom, protection, opportunity and prosperity. **PS. 33:12**
2. Thank you for humility to fall upon the church, and our nation. **2 CHRON. 7:14, I PET 5:6**
3. Thank you for repentance and forgiveness and extending mercy while staying judgment. **JONAH 3:4-10**
4. Thank you for moving upon the hearts of our leaders, giving them ears to hear your wisdom and guidance.
5. Thank you for removing from office those who oppose your will; replace them with godly leaders.
6. Thank you for a renewed hunger for truth in our land. May there be a return to godly values and deep respect for human life. **MALACHI 3:7**
7. Thank you for the church to “awake to righteousness” and shine as a beacon light throughout the world. **MT. 5:14-16**
8. Thank you for families being knit together in love. For restoring marriages and protecting the institution of marriage. **EPH. 5:31-33**
9. Thank you for our youth to be protected from the evils of this age. They will not be contaminated by the influences of our culture. **GAL. 1:3-5**
10. Thank you for pouring out your spirit upon this nation and creating a national revival that goes beyond anything we have ever witnessed as a society. **ZECH. 4:6**