

With
LIBERTY
and **JUSTICE**
for All

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2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, **to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;** that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

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19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 **And he closed the book,** and he gave *it*
again to the minister, and sat down. And the
eyes of all them that were in the synagogue
were fastened on him.

“Loyalty to the country always. Loyalty to the
government when it deserves it.” ~~ Mark Twain

“Freedom is the oxygen of the soul.” ~~ Moshe Dayan

“They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.” ~~ Benjamin Franklin

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George Washington

1st U.S. President

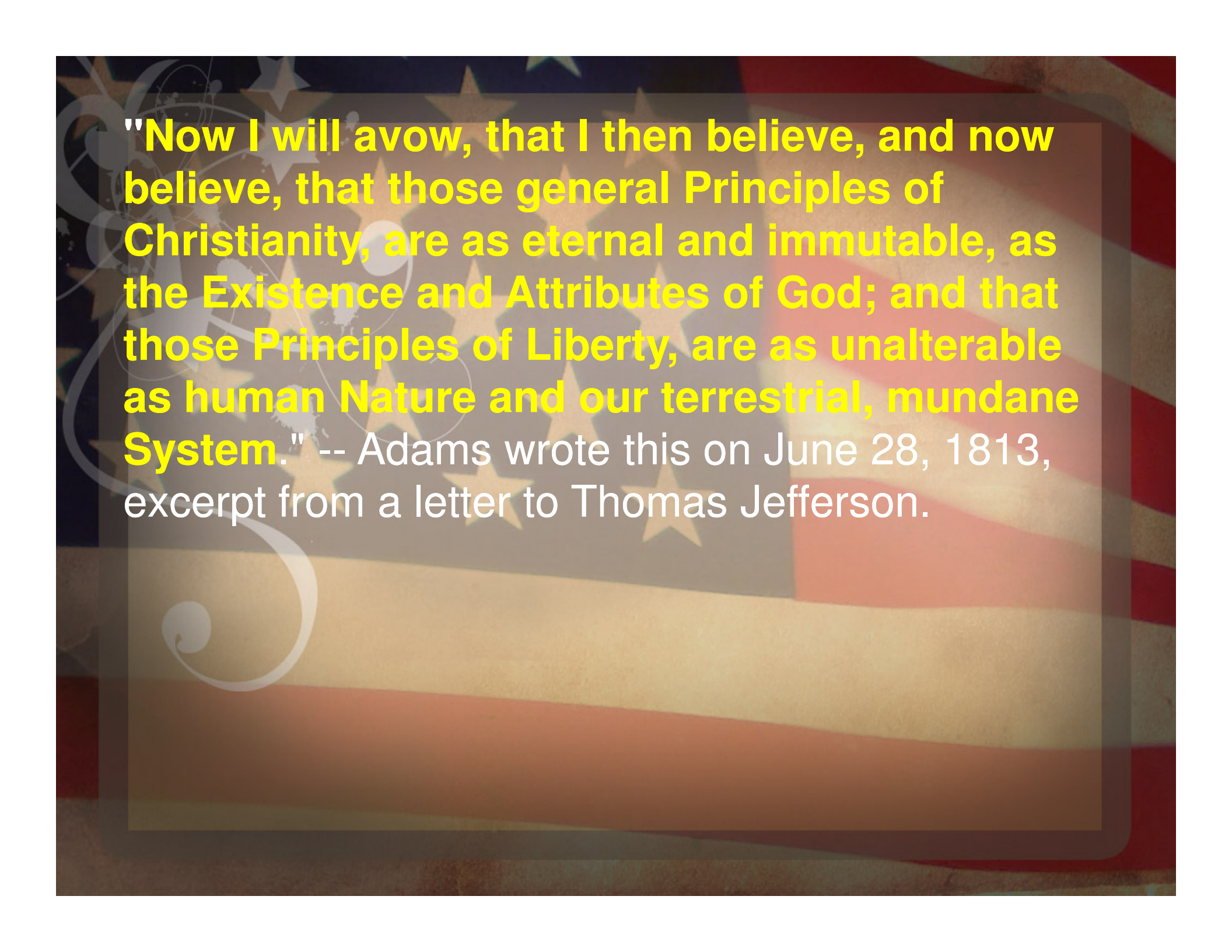
"While we are zealously performing the duties of good citizens and soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of religion. **To the distinguished character of Patriot, it should be our highest glory to add the more distinguished character of Christian.**" -- *The Writings of Washington*, pp. 342-343.

John Adams

2nd U.S. President and Signer of the Declaration of Independence

"The general principles, on which the Fathers achieved independence, were the only Principles in which that beautiful Assembly of young Gentlemen could Unite, and these Principles only could be intended by them in their address, or by me in my answer.

And what were these general Principles? I answer, the general Principles of Christianity, in which all these Sects were United: And the general Principles of English and American Liberty, in which all those young Men United, and which had United all Parties in America, in Majorities sufficient to assert and maintain her Independence.



"Now I will avow, that I then believe, and now believe, that those general Principles of Christianity, are as eternal and immutable, as the Existence and Attributes of God; and that those Principles of Liberty, are as unalterable as human Nature and our terrestrial, mundane System." -- Adams wrote this on June 28, 1813, excerpt from a letter to Thomas Jefferson.

Thomas Jefferson

3rd U.S. President, Drafter and Signer of the Declaration of Independence

"God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever;

That a revolution of the wheel of fortune, a change of situation, is among possible events; that it may become probable by Supernatural influence! The Almighty has no attribute which can take side with us in that event." -- *Notes on the State of Virginia, Query XVIII*, p. 237.



John Hancock

1st Signer of the Declaration of Independence

"Resistance to tyranny becomes the Christian and social duty of each individual. ... Continue steadfast and, with a proper sense of your dependence on God, nobly defend those rights which heaven gave, and no man ought to take from us." -- *History of the United States of America*, Vol. II, p. 229.

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Rev. Jonathan Dickinson, first president of Princeton University where James Madison studied.

"Cursed be all that learning that is contrary to the cross of Christ." -- *America's Providential History* by Stephen K. McDowell, p. 93.

John Quincy Adams

6th U.S. President

"The hope of a Christian is inseparable from his faith. Whoever believes in the divine inspiration of the Holy Scriptures must hope that the religion of Jesus shall prevail throughout the earth. Never since the foundation of the world have the prospects of mankind been more encouraging to that hope than they appear to be at the present time. And may the associated distribution of the Bible proceed and prosper till the Lord shall have made 'bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God' (Isaiah 52:10)." -- *Life of John Quincy Adams*, p. 248.

Benjamin Rush

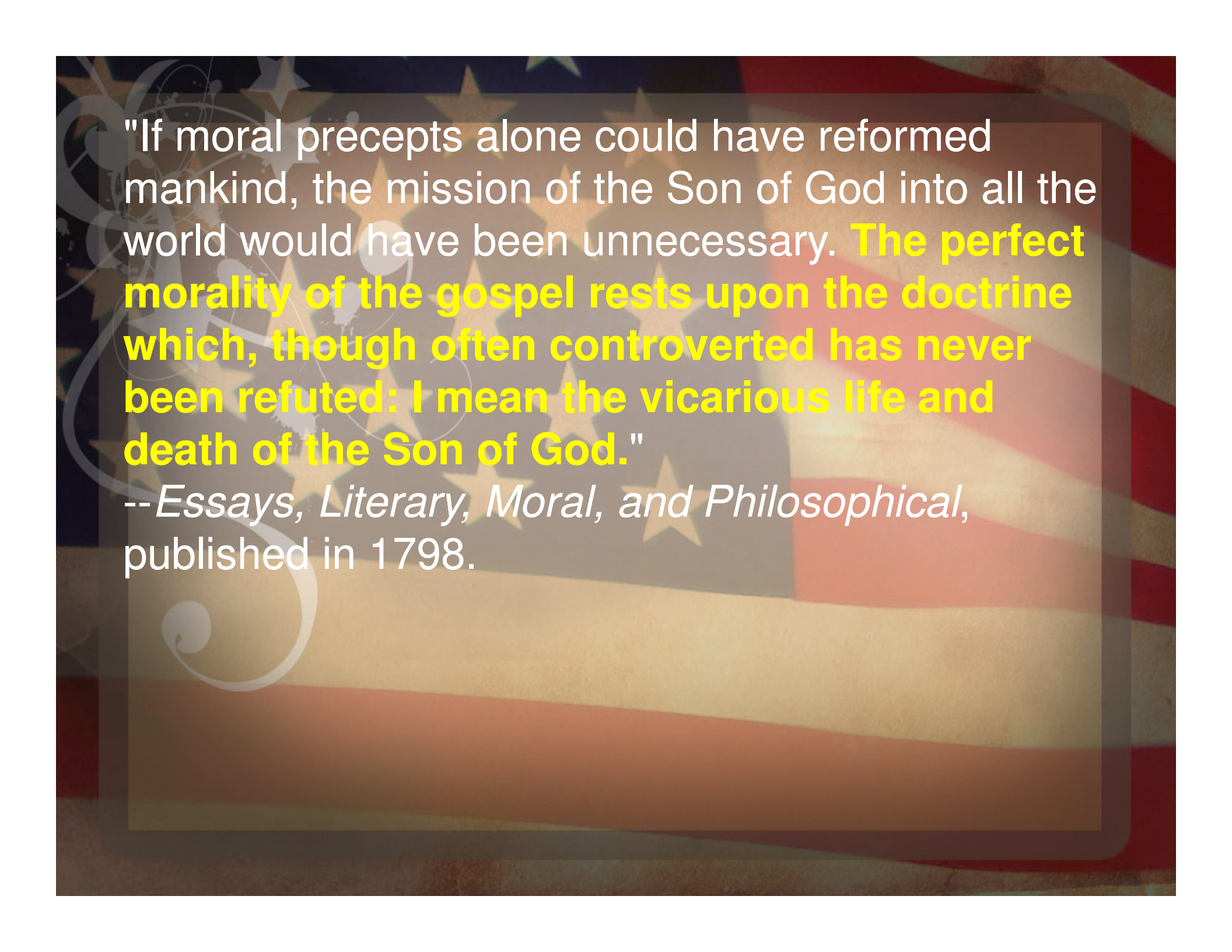
Signer of the Declaration of Independence and
Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution

"The gospel of Jesus Christ prescribes the wisest rules for just conduct in every situation of life. Happy they who are enabled to obey them in all situations!"

-- *The Autobiography of Benjamin Rush*, pp. 165-166.

"Christianity is the only true and perfect religion, and that in proportion as mankind adopts its principles and obeys its precepts, they will be wise and happy."

-- *Essays, Literary, Moral, and Philosophical*,
published in 1798.



"If moral precepts alone could have reformed mankind, the mission of the Son of God into all the world would have been unnecessary. **The perfect morality of the gospel rests upon the doctrine which, though often controverted has never been refuted: I mean the vicarious life and death of the Son of God.**"

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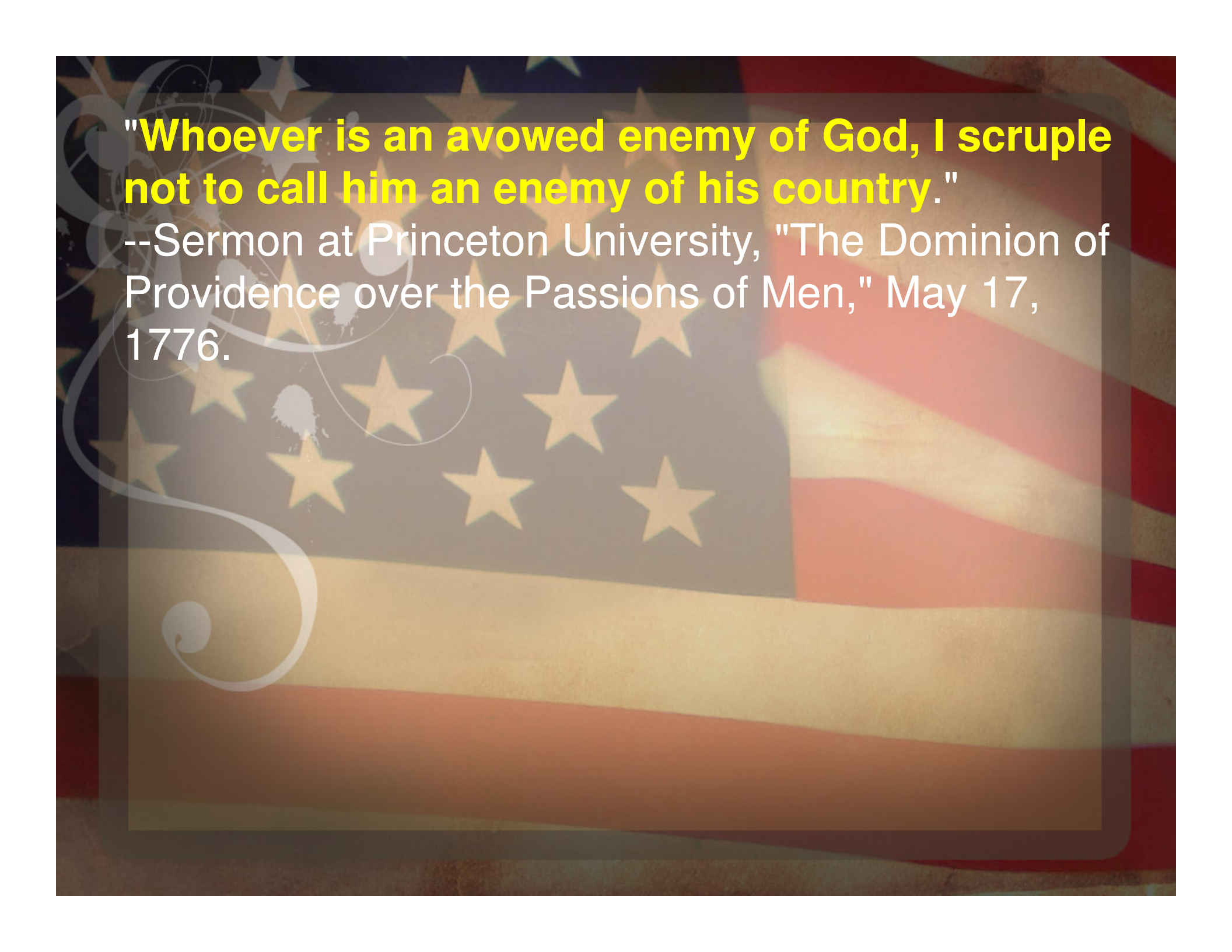
John Witherspoon

Signer of the Declaration of Independence,
Clergyman and President of Princeton University

"While we give praise to God, the Supreme Disposer of all events, for His interposition on our behalf, let us guard against the dangerous error of trusting in, or boasting of, an arm of flesh ... If your cause is just, if your principles are pure, and if your conduct is prudent, you need not fear the multitude of opposing hosts.

"What follows from this?

That he is the best friend to American liberty, who is most sincere and active in promoting true and undefiled religion, and who sets himself with the greatest firmness to bear down profanity and immorality of every kind.

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"Whoever is an avowed enemy of God, I scruple not to call him an enemy of his country."

--Sermon at Princeton University, "The Dominion of Providence over the Passions of Men," May 17, 1776.

Alexander Hamilton

Signer of the Declaration of Independence and
Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution

"I have carefully examined **the evidences of the Christian religion**, and if I was sitting as a juror upon its authenticity I would unhesitatingly give my verdict in its favor. **I can prove its truth as clearly as any proposition ever submitted to the mind of man.**"

--*Famous American Statesmen*, p. 126.

Patrick Henry

Ratifier of the U.S. Constitution

"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. For this very reason peoples of other faiths have been afforded asylum, prosperity, and freedom of worship here."

-- *The Trumpet Voice of Freedom: Patrick Henry of Virginia*, p. iii.

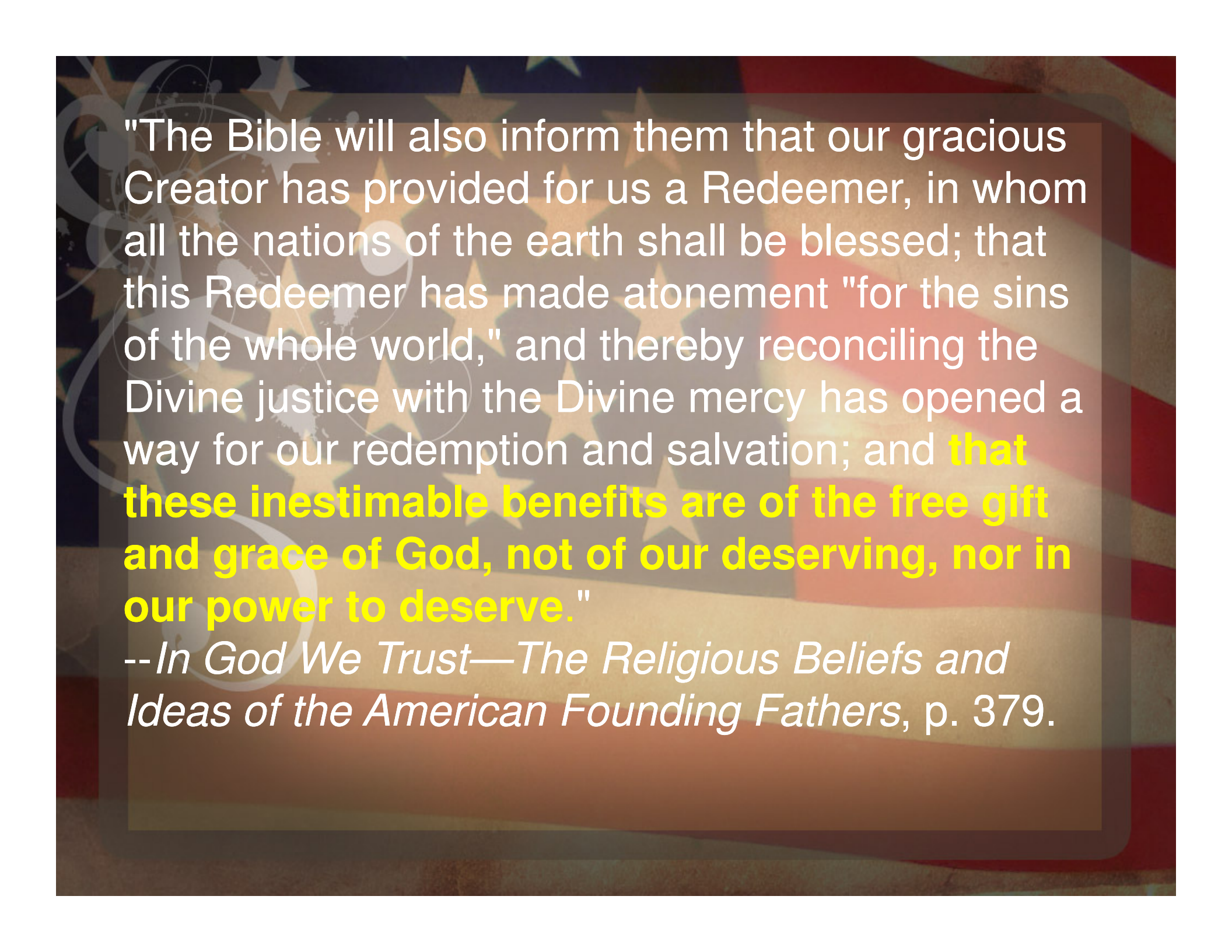
"The Bible ... is a book worth more than all the other books that were ever printed."

-- *Sketches of the Life and Character of Patrick Henry*, p. 402.

John Jay


1st Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court and
President of the American Bible Society

"By conveying the Bible to people thus
circumstanced, we certainly do them a most
interesting kindness. **We thereby enable them to
learn that man was originally created and
placed in a state of happiness, but, becoming
disobedient, was subjected to the degradation
and evils which he and his posterity have since
experienced.**



"The Bible will also inform them that our gracious Creator has provided for us a Redeemer, in whom all the nations of the earth shall be blessed; that this Redeemer has made atonement "for the sins of the whole world," and thereby reconciling the Divine justice with the Divine mercy has opened a way for our redemption and salvation; and **that these inestimable benefits are of the free gift and grace of God, not of our deserving, nor in our power to deserve.**"

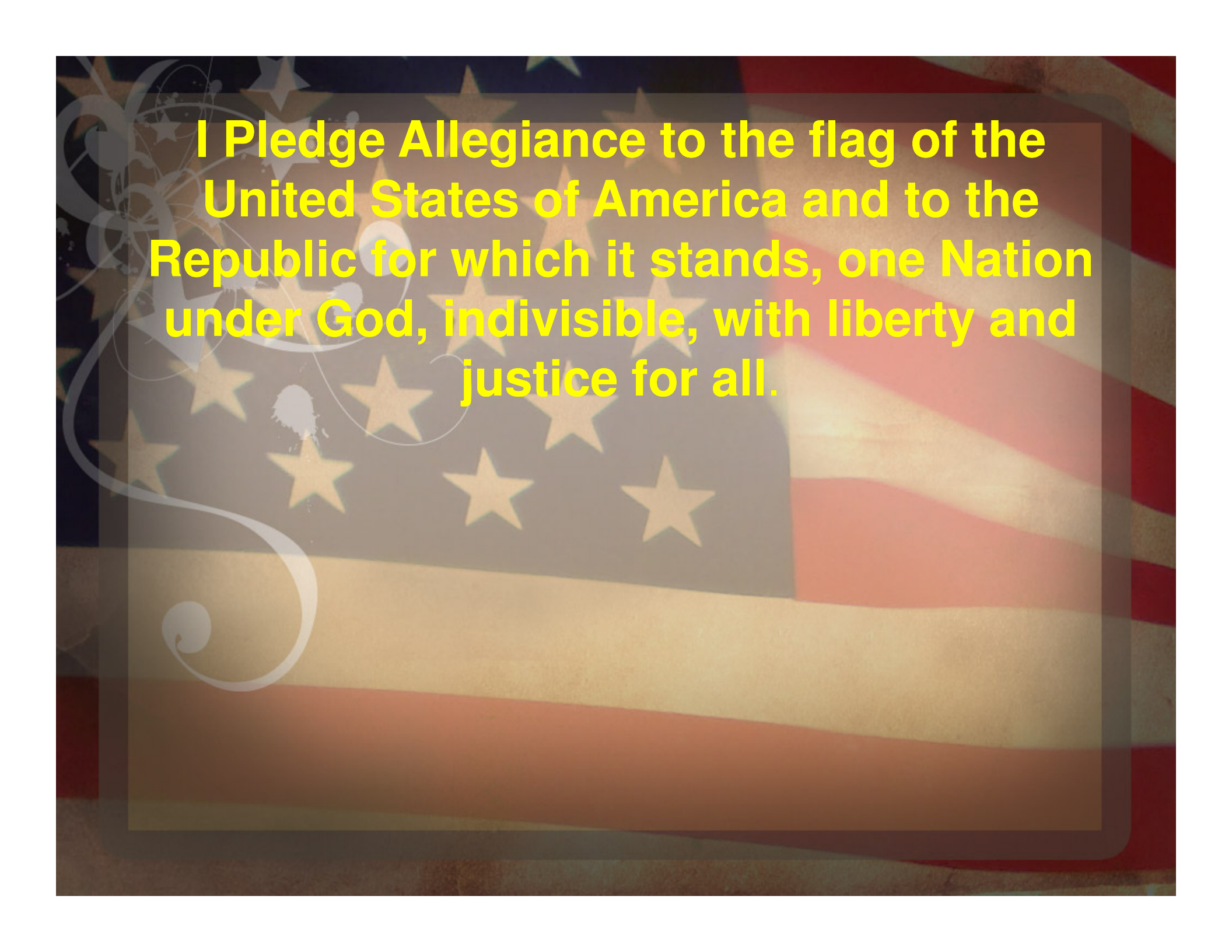
--In God We Trust—The Religious Beliefs and Ideas of the American Founding Fathers, p. 379.

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"In forming and settling my belief relative to the doctrines of Christianity, I adopted no articles from creeds but such only as, on careful examination, **I found to be confirmed by the Bible."**

--*American Statesman Series*, p. 360.

<http://christianity.about.com/od/independenceday/a/foundingfathers.htm>

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**I Pledge Allegiance to the flag of the
United States of America and to the
Republic for which it stands, one Nation
under God, indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.**

For a few minutes this morning, I would like to take the conclusion of the pledge and apply it to the principles of the Word of God.

Liberty

1. Freedom from arbitrary or despotic government or control.
2. Freedom from external or foreign rule; independence.
3. Freedom from control, interference, obligation, restriction, hampering conditions, etc.; power or right of doing, thinking, speaking, etc., according to choice.
4. Freedom from captivity, confinement, or physical restraint:

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/liberty?s=t>

Justice

1. The quality of being just; righteousness, equitableness, or moral rightness:
2. Rightfulness or lawfulness, as of a claim or title; justness of ground or reason:

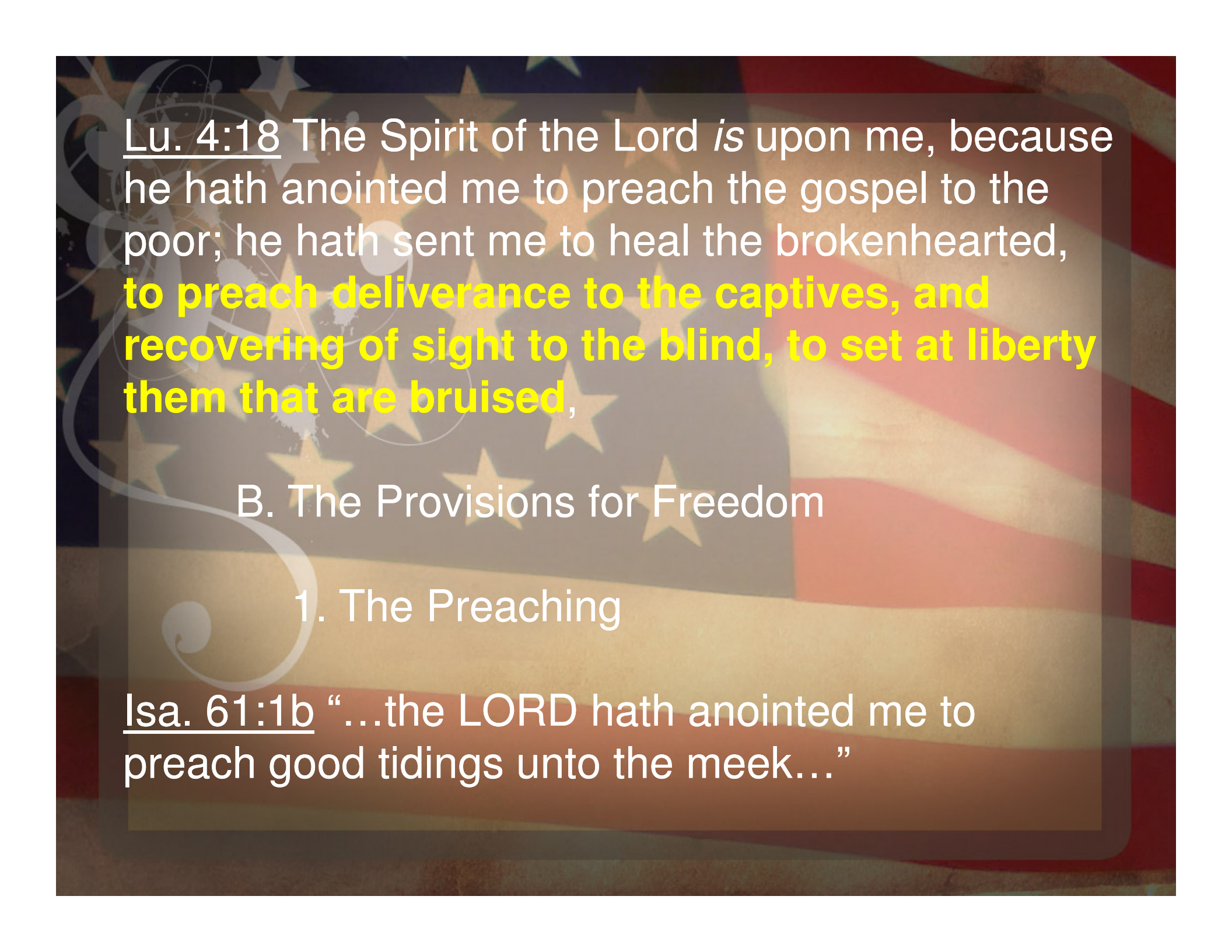
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"With Liberty and Justice for All"

I. THE AVAILABILITY OF LIBERTY

A. The Prophecy Fulfilled, Isa. 61:1-3, Lu. 4:18-20

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B. The Provisions for Freedom

1. The Preaching

Isa. 61:1b "...the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek..."

Lu. 4:18b “...he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor...”

2. The Patching

Isa. 61:1c “... he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted...”

Lu. 4:18c “...he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted...”

Original Word: ἰάομαι

Transliteration: iaomai

Definition: I heal, generally of the physical, sometimes of spiritual, disease.

ιάομαι – healing, particularly as supernatural and bringing attention to the Lord Himself as the Great Physician (cf. Is 53:4,5).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2390.htm>

Original Word: συντρίβω

Transliteration: suntribó

Definition: Brokenhearted, I break by crushing, break in pieces, shatter, crush, bruise.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4937.htm>

3. The Proclaiming

Isa. 61:1d “... **to proclaim liberty to the captives...**”

Lu. 4:18d “...**to preach deliverance to the captives...**”

Original Word: ἄφεσις

Transliteration: aphasis

Definition: deliverance, a sending away, a letting go, a release, a deliverance, pardon, complete forgiveness.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/859.htm>

4. The Partnering

Isa. 61:1e “...**the opening of the prison to *them that are bound***;”

Lu. 4:18e “...**to set at liberty them that are bruised,**”

Original Word: ἀποστέλλω

Transliteration: apostelló

Definition: I send forth, set at liberty, send (as a messenger, commission, etc.), send away, dismiss.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/649.htm>

Original Word: θραύω

Transliteration: thrauó

Definition: I bruise, crush, break, shatter; met: I break down.

2352 *thrauóō* – properly, break in pieces (shatter).

2352 (*thrauóō*) is used only in Lk 4:18.

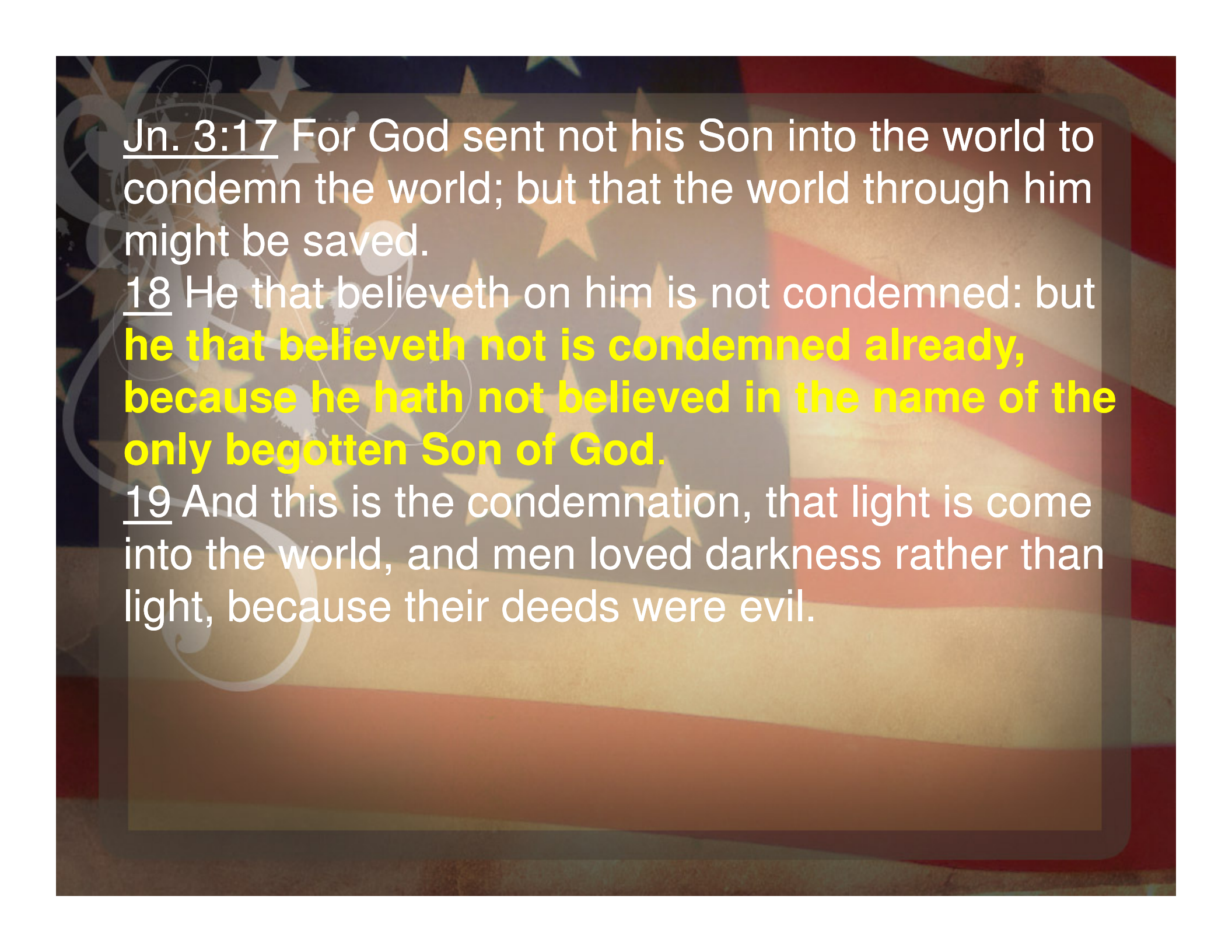
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Rom. 3:22 Even **the righteousness of God *which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe***: for there is no difference:

II. THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF LIFE

A. We are all under Judgment



Jn. 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but **he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Rom. 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one ***judgment came upon all men to condemnation;*** even so by ***the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.***

Rom. 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so ***death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:***

B. We are all to face the Judge



Jer. 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David **a righteous Branch, and a King** shall reign and prosper, and shall **execute judgment and justice** in the earth.

Jn. 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.**

Rom. 5:1 Therefore **being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:**

2 By whom also **we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.**

III. THE ADORATION OF HIS LOVE

A. Christ Initiated Love and Liberty

1 Jn. 4:19 **We love him, because he first loved us.**

2 Cor. 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**

B. Christ Inspires Love with Liberty

Gal. 5:1 **Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. ...

13 For, **brethren, ye have been called unto liberty**; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but **by love serve one another**.

Jas. 1:25 But whoso looketh into **the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein**, he being not a forgetful hearer, but **a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed**.

Conclusion

Rom. 14:10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, **As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.**

12 So then **every one of us shall give account of himself to God.**

