

The Christian's Declaration of Independence

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36
Your New Birth is the beginning of your freedom...

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1
...after your New Birth, the Lord is also the perpetuator of your freedom.

† I am free from being in bondage to my corruptible sinful nature. I am a new creation in Christ, ordained to abound in good works for the rest of my life, until He calls me Home. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:8-10

† I am free to live my life full of love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control against such there is no law. I will regularly invite the Holy Spirit to fill me, so His fruit abounds in and through me. Galatians 5:22-23.

† I am free to be the person God created, called and gifted me to be. I don't have to compete with or try to be like others. There are many flowers in God's garden. I will be content being me in Him. *"Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called."* 1 Corinthians 7:20

† I am free to be the husband, wife, parent or child God wants me to be. *"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged."* Colossians 3:18-21

† I am free to worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. *"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."* John 4:23-24

† I am free of legalism and vain religious traditions. *"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:"* Col. 2:8-10

† I am free to have a worldview based on, and to pattern my life after, the Word of God. *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* Psalm 119:105

† I am free to be an industrious, motivated, upright, noble, productive and profitable worker. *"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons."* Colossians 3:23-25

† I am free from being manipulated, and manipulating others. I am free to build win-win relationships. *"These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage."* 2 Peter 2:17-19

† I am free from covetousness, lust, envy and jealousy. I have the liberty to lay up my treasures in heaven instead of earth. I have the freedom to avoid debt, pay my taxes, and avoid the accumulation of material goods that have no eternal value. *"And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth."* Luke 12:15

† I am free to make wise decisions, and to avoid making foolish or naïve decisions. *"When wisdom entereth into thine heart, and knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul; Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee: To deliver thee from the way of the evil man, from the man that speaketh forward things; Who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk in the ways of darkness;"* Proverbs 2:10-13

† I am free of racism and prejudice. In God's eyes, the color of our skin is irrelevant. We are all made in the image of God, so to Him there is only the Human Race. *"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."* Genesis 1:27

† I am free from fears of my past, and fears about my future. I am eternally secure in Christ, so I can enjoy my abundant life in the precious present. *"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. We love him, because he first loved us."* 1 John 4:17-19



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