

## **A CHRISTIAN'S DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE**

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one God to dissolve the spiritual bondage of His people by His Son, Jesus Christ; that they may assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and superior station to which the Will of God entitles them; a decent respect to God, Who dissolved their bondage, requires that they should walk in the light of His Word.

We hold these truths to be self-evident that all Christians are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable sonship rights, that among these are eternal life, spiritual liberty, and the Hope of Christ return. That to secure these sonship rights, we put on God's Word in our minds, deriving our power from what God wrought in Christ. That whenever any form of the old man becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the Christian to abolish and bury it, and to institute the new man, which is Christ in you.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against spiritual wickedness from on high places. Therefore we must put on the whole armor of God; that when abuses and usurpations, evidence a design to reduce us again to bondage it is our right as sons of God, and it is our duty to throw off such an old man and to put on the Word of God.

The history of the god of this world is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute tyranny over Christians. Therefore we look to the Word of God to provide the true source of our victory over the evil one and henceforth DECLARE:

- I. We shall no more live as members of this world, for we have been SANCTIFIED, set apart for heaven by being born again of God's spirit.  
I Corinthians 1:30
- II. We shall no more confess unrighteousness for we have THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, which is through the faith of Jesus Christ.  
II Corinthians 5:21
- III. We shall no more claim the penalty of sin for we were completely JUSTIFIED when God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Romans 3:24
- IV. We shall no more consent to be subservient to satan for we have been REDEEMED from his power, bought with a price. Ephesians 1:7
- V. And we shall no more back down from speaking the Word of God for we have the MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION. II Corinthians 5:18