

WHAT IS OUR ROLE... FIRST AS CHRISTIANS...
AND SECOND AS CITIZENS WITHIN THE CONTEXT
OF THIS SECULAR SOCIETY?

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“WHATEVER IT IS THAT MAKES MEN GOOD CHRISTIANS,
MAKES THEM GOOD CITIZENS.” —DANIEL WEBSTER

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¹FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE; STAND FIRM
THEREFORE, AND DO NOT SUBMIT AGAIN TO A YOKE
OF SLAVERY... ¹³FOR YOU WERE CALLED TO FREEDOM,
BROTHERS. ONLY DO NOT USE YOUR FREEDOM
AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE FLESH, BUT THROUGH
LOVE SERVE ONE ANOTHER. ¹⁴FOR THE WHOLE LAW
IS FULFILLED IN ONE WORD: “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” ¹⁵BUT IF YOU BITE AND
DEVOUR ONE ANOTHER, WATCH OUT THAT YOU ARE
NOT CONSUMED BY ONE ANOTHER. ¹⁶BUT I SAY,
WALK BY THE SPIRIT, AND YOU WILL NOT GRATIFY
THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH. —GALATIANS 5:1, 13-16

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foundations
of freedom

I. CHRIST CAME TO
PURCHASE FREEDOM FOR US

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¹⁰IT IS WRITTEN: “NONE IS RIGHTEOUS, ¹¹NO, NOT ONE;
 NO ONE UNDERSTANDS; NO ONE SEEKS FOR GOD.
¹²ALL HAVE TURNED ASIDE; TOGETHER THEY HAVE BECOME
 WORTHLESS; NO ONE DOES GOOD, NOT EVEN ONE.
¹³THEIR THROAT IS AN OPEN GRAVE; THEY USE THEIR
 TONGUES TO DECEIVE. THE VENOM OF ASPS IS UNDER
 THEIR LIPS. ¹⁴THEIR MOUTH IS FULL OF CURSES AND
 BITTERNESS. ¹⁵THEIR FEET ARE SWIFT TO SHED BLOOD;
¹⁶IN THEIR PATHS ARE RUIN AND MISERY,
¹⁷AND THE WAY OF PEACE THEY HAVE NOT KNOWN.
¹⁸THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.”
 —ROMANS 3:10-18

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⁴BUT WHEN THE FULLNESS OF TIME HAD COME,
 GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON, BORN OF WOMAN,
 BORN UNDER THE LAW, ⁵TO REDEEM THOSE
 WHO WERE UNDER THE LAW, SO THAT WE MIGHT
 RECEIVE ADOPTION AS SONS. ⁶AND BECAUSE
 YOU ARE SONS, GOD HAS SENT THE SPIRIT OF HIS SON
 INTO OUR HEARTS, CRYING, “ABBA! FATHER!”
⁷SO YOU ARE NO LONGER A SLAVE, BUT A SON,
 AND IF A SON, THEN AN HEIR THROUGH GOD.
 —GALATIANS 4:4-7

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“WE HAVE NO GOVERNMENT ARMED WITH POWER
 CAPABLE OF CONTENDING WITH HUMAN PASSIONS
 UNBRIDLED BY MORALITY AND RELIGION.
 AVARICE, AMBITION, REVENGE OR GALLANTRY WOULD
 BREAK THE STRONGEST CORDS OF OUR CONSTITUTION
 AS A WHALE GOES THROUGH A NET.
 OUR CONSTITUTION WAS MADE ONLY FOR A MORAL
 AND RELIGIOUS PEOPLE. IT IS WHOLLY INADEQUATE TO
 THE GOVERNMENT OF ANY OTHER.” —JOHN ADAMS

 “ONLY A VIRTUOUS PEOPLE ARE CAPABLE OF FREEDOM.”
 —BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

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... ⁶WHO HAS MADE US SUFFICIENT TO BE MINISTERS OF A NEW COVENANT, NOT OF THE LETTER BUT OF THE SPIRIT. FOR THE LETTER KILLS, BUT THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE.
⁷NOW IF THE MINISTRY OF DEATH, CARVED IN LETTERS ON STONE, CAME WITH SUCH GLORY THAT THE ISRAELITES COULD NOT GAZE AT MOSES' FACE BECAUSE OF ITS GLORY, WHICH WAS BEING BROUGHT TO AN END, ⁸WILL NOT THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT HAVE EVEN MORE GLORY?
⁹FOR IF THERE WAS GLORY IN THE MINISTRY OF CONDEMNATION, THE MINISTRY OF RIGHTEOUSNESS MUST FAR EXCEED IT IN GLORY...
¹⁶BUT WHEN ONE TURNS TO THE LORD, THE VEIL IS REMOVED.
¹⁷NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM.
 —2 CORINTHIANS 3:6-9, 16-17

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“2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 IS NOT JUST A VERSE ABOUT INDIVIDUAL SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE. IT IS A DECLARATION ABOUT THE NATURE OF REALITY. WHEREVER JESUS IS PRESENT—IN A LIFE, A COMMUNITY, A CULTURE—FREEDOM FOLLOWS. THE HISTORY OF HUMAN LIBERTY, AT ITS DEEPEST LEVEL, IS THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL BREAKING CHAINS. THE EARLY CHURCH DID NOT HAVE POLITICAL POWER. THEY HAD NO LOBBYISTS, NO SUPREME COURT JUSTICES, NO LEGISLATIVE ALLIES. THEY HAD THE SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD AND THEY TURNED THE ROMAN EMPIRE UPSIDE DOWN.”
 —DR. JEREMIAH JOHNSTON

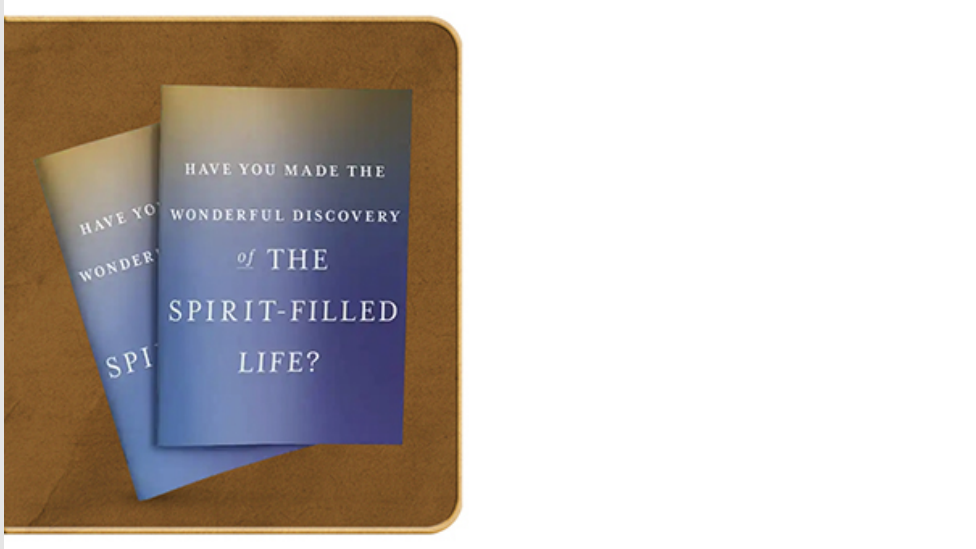
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“BELIEVING WITH YOU THAT RELIGION IS A MATTER WHICH LIES SOLELY BETWEEN MAN AND HIS GOD, THAT HE OWES ACCOUNT TO NONE OTHER FOR HIS FAITH OR HIS WORSHIP... I CONTEMPLATE WITH SOVEREIGN REVERENCE THAT ACT OF THE WHOLE AMERICAN PEOPLE WHICH DECLARED THAT THEIR LEGISLATURE SHOULD ‘MAKE NO LAW RESPECTING AN ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGION, OR PROHIBITING THE FREE EXERCISE THEREOF,’ THUS BUILDING A WALL OF SEPARATION BETWEEN CHURCH AND STATE.”
 —THOMAS JEFFERSON (TO DANBURY BAPTISTS, 1802)

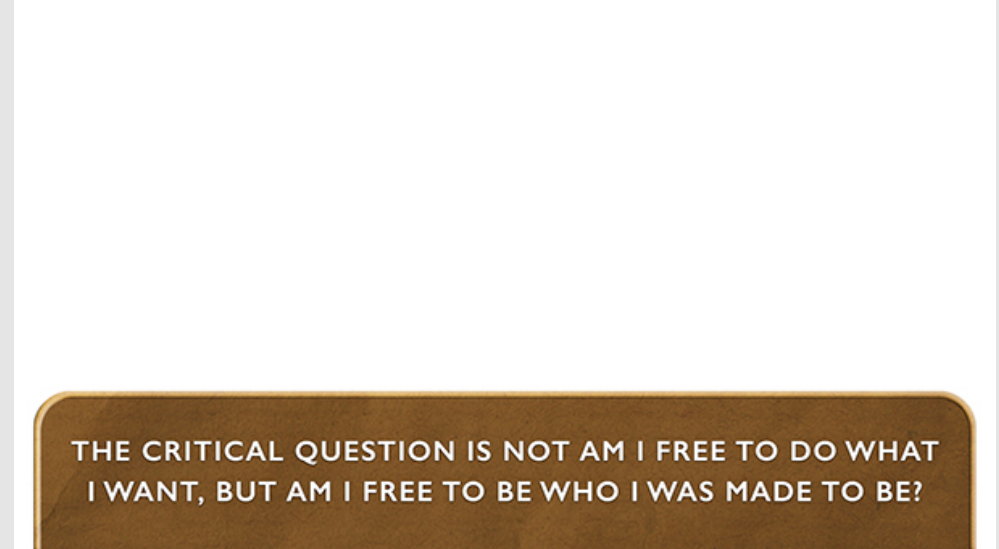
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¹THERE IS THEREFORE NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.
²FOR THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE HAS SET YOU FREE IN CHRIST JESUS FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH.
³FOR GOD HAS DONE WHAT THE LAW, WEAKENED BY THE FLESH, COULD NOT DO. BY SENDING HIS OWN SON IN THE LIKENESS OF SINFUL FLESH AND FOR SIN, HE CONDEMNED SIN IN THE FLESH, ⁴IN ORDER THAT THE RIGHTEOUS REQUIREMENT OF THE LAW MIGHT BE FULFILLED IN US, WHO WALK NOT ACCORDING TO THE FLESH BUT ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT.
 —ROMANS 8:1-4

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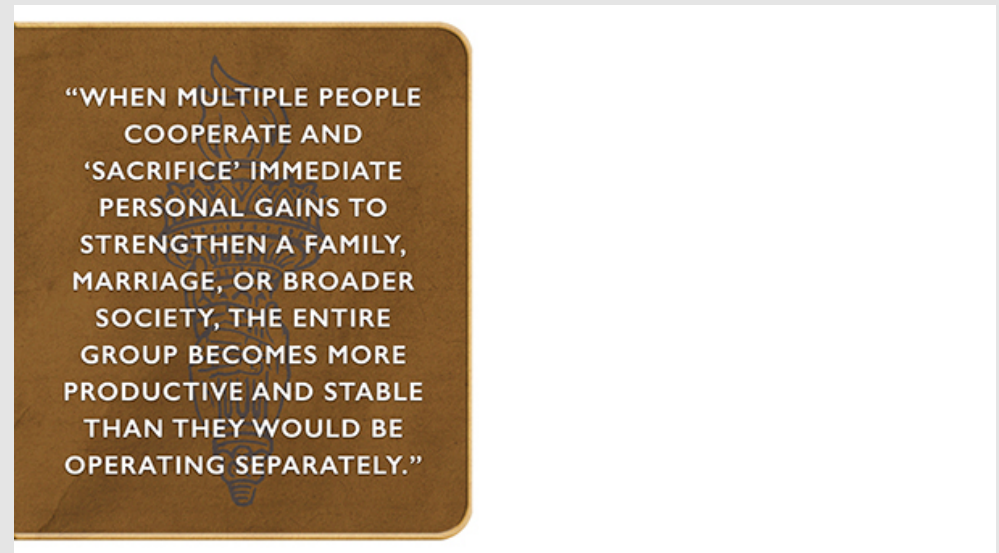
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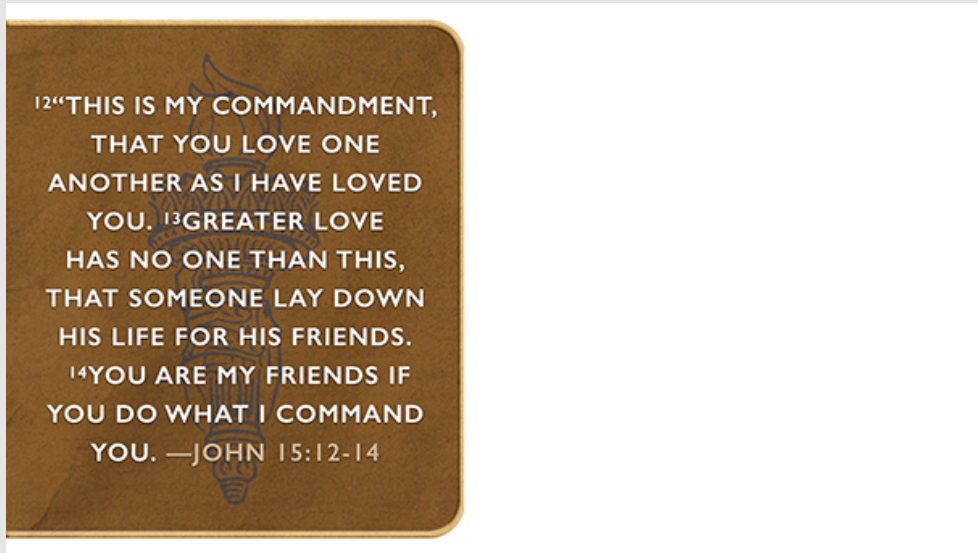
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