

**The Declaration of Independence: IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776. The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,**

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world. There followed a long list of grievances and then a Declaration of Independence. Then followed *The 56 signatures*

*Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. Psalm 33:12*

There are only Two nations in all of History established according to the Laws of God; Israel by Command (read Pentateuch), and the United States of America by Conviction (read the Mayflower Compact written in 1620 when the pilgrims arrived). The Mayflower Compact was the first governing document of [Plymouth Colony](#). It was written by the [Separatists](#), sometimes referred to as the "Saints", fleeing from religious persecution by [King James of England](#). They traveled aboard the [Mayflower](#) in 1620 along with adventurers, tradesmen, and servants, most of whom were referred to, by the Separatists as "Strangers".

The Mayflower Compact was signed aboard ship on November 11, 1620 by most adult men. The Pilgrims used the [Julian Calendar](#), also known as [Old Style dates](#), which, at that time, was ten days behind the [Gregorian Calendar](#). Signing the [covenant](#) were 41 of the ship's 101 passengers, while the Mayflower was anchored in what is now [Provincetown Harbor](#) within the hook at the northern tip of [Cape Cod](#).

### THE MAYFLOWER COMPACT

In the name of God, Amen. We, whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread Sovereigne Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britaine, France and Ireland king, defender of the faith, etc. having undertaken, for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith, and honour of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the Northerne parts of Virginia, doe by these presents solemnly and mutually in the presence of God and one of another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civill body politick, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enacte, constitute, and frame such just and equall laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meete and convenient for the generall good of the Colonie unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape-Codd the 11. of November, in the year of the raigne of our sovereigne lord, King James, of England, France and Ireland, the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fiftie-fourth. Anno Dom. 1620.

John Carver  
William Bradford  
Edward Winslow  
William Brewster  
Issac Allerton  
Myles Standish \*  
John Alden \*  
Samuel Fuller  
Christopher Martin  
William Mullins \*  
William White  
Richard Warren \*  
John Howland  
Stephen Hopkins

Edward Tilley  
John Tilley  
Francis Cooke \*  
Thomas Rogers  
Thomas Tinker  
John Rigdale  
Edward Fuller  
John Turner  
Francis Eaton  
James Chilton \*  
John Crackston  
John Billington  
Moses Fletcher  
John Goodman

Degory Priest  
Thomas Williams  
Gilbert Winslow  
Edmund Margeson  
Peter Browne  
Richard Britteridge  
George Soule  
Richard Clarke  
Richard Gardiner  
John Allerton  
Thomas English  
Edward Dotey  
Edward Leister  
\* My ancestors

- French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting America in 1831, said, "I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests--and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning--and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution--and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!

\*Our great nation was born and built upon the teachings of the Word of God and the Lord has richly blessed us as we have conducted our national policies according to His Word. Today we are witnessing the gradual withdrawal of His blessings and we are headed for His judgment upon us as a nation as we adopt policies and laws that are contrary to His Word and will.

\*We are arrogant, attempting to remove all recognition of the true God from our society, and call good evil and evil good. If we are going to avoid judgment as a nation, we, who belong to Christ, must get right with Him and live obediently. Too many who name the name of Christ are not living accordingly.

\*We must obey 2 Chronicles 7:14: *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."*

### ***OUR DECLARATION OF FREEDOM***

John 8:32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8: They answered Him, We are Abraham's seed and were never in bondage to anyone. How do you say, You will be made free?

John 8:36 Therefore if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

Romans 6:22 But now, being made free from sin, and having become slaves to God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end everlasting life.

**Then we can be used by our Lord Savior, Jesus Christ, to lead many to salvation and righteousness in Him.**

\* These portions adapted from a devotional by Pastor Fred Johnson 7-4-14