

Independence Day Bible Study 2025

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The following assignment was given in “The Bible and US History Course”, the Firm Foundation Bible Institute 2021 Seminary-Level Course Offering. Let us complete this assignment together, that we might better appreciate the basis of the Christian foundation of the nation .

Read the Declaration of Independence. You will see that this document is grounded in Christian teaching and tradition. Then provide two Scriptures that correlate with each of the following six points brought out in this great document (total 12 Scriptures): “Nature’s God”, “self-evident truths”, “all men are created equal”, “life”, “liberty”, “and the pursuit of happiness.” We shall read only the beginning section of the Declaration of Independence, and exceed the total number of Scriptures for the purpose of this study.

Declaration of Independence: A Transcription

Note: The following text is a transcription of the Stone Engraving of the parchment Declaration of Independence (the document on display in [the Rotunda at the National Archives Museum](#).) The spelling and punctuation reflects the original.

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... (Followed by Itemization of 27 Violations)

Some of these Scriptures can be applied to more than one of the six points. They may also speak to other things in the document, for instance "Despotism." The Christian world view, which has been lost today in church teaching as a whole, is that God is sovereign over the nation, the church, and the family. He cannot be divorced from any of these things. Let us read these verses and consider their direct bearing on this document, and points of similarity.

1. Nature's God—Genesis 1:1-31; Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:20
2. Self-evident truths—Genesis 1:1; John 16:13; Acts 1:3; Romans 2:14-15
3. All men are created equal—Genesis 1:26-27; Galatians 3:26-29
4. Life—Genesis 2:7; Job 10:8-12; Acts 17:25-27
5. Liberty—Isaiah 9:4; Jeremiah 34:8-10; John 8:32; 2 Corinthians 3:17
6. The pursuit of happiness—Psalm 144:11-15; John 15:10-11

*Can you think of any other Scriptures for these six words/phrases?

*Are there any other words in the Declaration of Independence that clearly find basis in the Christian world view and the Bible?