II Cor. 3:17 - "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is...

LIBERTY

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NOT DEFEATED!

When Jesus cried, "It is finished," He did not take away the conflict, the test, the fight. No! He took away only your defeat.



On This Date

On June 30, 1958,
Alaska became the 50th
state.

On July 1, 1864, the Battle of Gettysburg took place.

On July 2, 1881, President Garfield was shot. He died September 19.
On July 4, 1826, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died.

THEY CALLED IT AMERICA

God built him a continent of glory, and filled it with treasures untold. He studded it with sweet-flowing fountains, and traced it with long-winding streams. He carpeted it with soft-rolling prairies, and columned it with thundering mountains. He graced it with deep-shadowed forests, and filled them with song.

Then he called unto a thousand peoples, and summoned the bravest among them. They came from the ends of the earth, each bearing a gift and a hope. The glow of adventure was in their eyes, and in their hearts the glory of hope.

And out of the bounty of earth, and the labor of men; out of the longing of heart, and the prayer of souls; out of the memory of ages, and the hopes of the world, God fashioned a nation in love, and blessed it with purpose sublime.

And they called it America.

From the WILEY ECHOES

"A Visitor From The Past"

(from Dr. Dewayne Nichols, Liberty Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas)

I had a dream the other night,
I think I understand.
A figure walking through the mist with
flintlock in his hand.
His clothes were torn and dirty

as he stood by my bed. He took off his three-cornered hat, and speaking low he said:

"We fought a revolution to
secure our liberty.

We wrote the Constitution as a
shield from tyranny.
For future generations this
legacy we gave
In this, the land of the free and
the home of the brave.

"The freedom we secured for you
we hoped you'd always keep,
But tyrants labored tirelessly
while your parents were asleep.
Now, your freedom gone, your courage lost,
you're not more than a slave
In this, the land of the free
and the home of the brave.

"You buy permits to travel,
and permits to own a gun,
And permits to start a business
or to build a place for one.
On land that you say you own
you pay a yearly rent,
Then have no voice at all in choosing
how the money's spent.

"Your children all attend a school
that doesn't educate.
Your Christian values can't be taught,
according to the State.
You read the news in a liberal-controlled
and regulated press,
You pay a tax you do not owe for fear of IRS.

"You've given government control to all those who do you harm, So they can padlock churches and steal the

family farm,

And keep your country deep in debt,
and put men of God in jail,

And harass your fellow countrymen, for corrupted courts prevail.

"Your public servants don't uphold the solemn oath they've sworn;
Your daughters visit doctors so their children won't be born.
Your leaders ship artillery and guns to foreign shores,
And send your sons to slaughter, fighting other people's wars.

"Can you regain the liberty for which we fought and died?
Or don't you have the courage and faith to stand with pride?
Are there no more values which you'll fight to save?
Don't you care that your child will one day live as a slave?

"People of the Republic,
arise and take a stand!
Defend the Constitution,
the supreme law of the land!
Preserve our great Republic;
fight for what is right,
And pray to God to keep the torch
of freedom burning bright!

As I awoke he vanished in the mist from whence he came.
But his words were true; we are not free, we have ourselves to blame.
For even now as tyrants trample each God-endowed right
We only watch and tremble - too afraid to stand and fight.

If he stood by your bedside in a dream while you're asleep, And asked you what remains of the rights he died to keep, What would be your answer as he called out from the grave:

"Is America still the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

DID YOU KNOW?

As you walk up the steps to the <u>Capitol Building</u> which houses the Supreme Court, you can see near the top of the building, a row of the world's law givers. Each one is facing the one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view - it is Moses and the Ten Commandments!

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

As you sit inside the courtroom, on the wall right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, is a display of the Ten Commandments!

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and

Monuments in Washington, D.C.

Our fourth president, James Madison, who is known as 'The Father of Our Constitution,' made the following statement "We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said, "It cannot be emphasized too strongly, or too often, that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher. whose

salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

<u>Fifty-two of the 55 founders</u> of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority, and instead of interpreting the law, would begin making law an oligarchy, the rule of few over many. (Does this not sound familiar in today's society? Have we not done the very thing he was against in pandering to these few and forcing their will on the many? Where's the democracy in that?)

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said, "Americans should

select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

How then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 200 years in this country, is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional?

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their cacked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. II Chronicles 7:14