

“Conceived in Liberty”, that’s the picture that we spent the morning painting yesterday. We were specifically talking about the United States of America, how that, even before its actual founding, its history is a pathway of Divine providence leading into a liberty that no nation on earth had purposed before nor since. Yes, we were conceived with the expectation of liberty, because, “...where **The Spirit of The Lord is**

there is liberty.” (2Cor 3:14)

The word for “liberty” is *eleutheria*, which comes from *eleutheros*, which simply means “unrestrained”. Jesus said, “...if the Son sets you free, you will be **unrestrained indeed.**” (Jn 8:36) So now we’ve also brought in the *eleuteroo*, “to set free”. Through Jesus we’ve been set free, unrestrained in Liberty. “But what does this have to do with our country?” Glad you asked.

We traced a very broad overview of some of the people or groups of people leading up to and including our founding in 1776 and our Constitution in 1787. And even though the enemy has increasingly tried to destroy or distort the facts, they all have some things in common: God, liberty, and a desire for Truth. We are, and our country was, conceived in Liberty!

This began several weeks ago as I was reflecting on what Jesus said in Mt 21:43, “**Through this I’m telling you The Kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation producing the fruits of it.**” We spent some times rehearsing the details of how Jesus got to the point where He made this declaration, but the focus of attention was, “What nation?” Is He talking about “a people” or an actual nation, like, “**Blessed is the nation whose God is The Lord.**” ? (Ps 33:12) And *if He was* talking about a nation, like a country, what nation would qualify as producing the fruits? One conceived in Liberty!

Now, as I said yesterday, I’m not saying that the United States of America is the “nation” that Jesus was referring to, but I’m not saying it’s not. From before the beginning to now the preponderance of evidence makes it clear that we were founded on and continue to produce the fruit! I think it’s time to quit allowing the hatred of those who align themselves with the enemy of all mankind to malign, distort, and lie against what is obviously true. We’ve had a tough 250 years, and the country is no more perfect than you, but faith will see us through, because we were conceived in liberty! Our forefathers designed a constitution of “**We the people**” to “**secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity**”, and then required the people who serve under it to “protect and defend it”. And God is the One these men called on to secure it! And hey, we’re their posterity receiving the Blessings of Liberty!

“**In the Name of God Amen!**”, is the opening line of the Mayflower Compact, and they wrote that this voyage, “having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian Faith...”. Our Declaration of Independence, not only from King George, but from The Church of England, proclaimed “**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**”.

I really do believe that it’s time we fully lay hold to the Life and Liberty of the “Kingdom of the heavens”, the Kingdom of God that is right here with us! In every city in every county or parish in every state of the country there are those blood washed, born again, Spirit filled sons and daughters of God who have the authority to join with the men who, even before the country’s founding, had the words of the Jubilee inscribed on their statehouse bell, “**Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all of the inhabitants thereof.**” (Lev25:10)

Liberty, unrestrained freedom, it was on their minds, in their hearts, and they, just like you, strove to see the manifestation of it in their lives. Don’t quit, the best is yet to come!

Love never fails!

