Declaration Of Independence

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INTRODUCTION

- I want you to realize that our conversion to the Lord is not dissimilar.
- The change of allegiance affords us heavenly citizenship. And what happens is that we declare our independence from the tyranny of Satan.
- He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

1 The Cry of the Faithless and Foolish

Jeremiah 2:13; Psalm 2:1–3; Ephesians 4:17–19

- The far more popular cry of independence is I want to be independent from God.
- My people have committed two evils. They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn out for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns that can hold no water.
- This is the cry of the faithless and foolish. To say, God, I just don't need what you have to offer.
- Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us.
- They promise freedom. But instead, what they deliver is corruption and slavery.
- When you declare your independence from God, these are the four words that follow every time. Futility. Darken. Excluded. Ignorance.

2 The Cause of All Spiritual Failure

Isaiah 30; 2 Peter 2:20–22

- This is not just the cry of those who are in outright rebellion against God. This is the cause of all spiritual failure, even for those who find themselves in the body of Christ.
- All of our struggles spiritually can be attributed to this foolish clamor of independence from God.
- You're asking for a commitment from me that I don't want to give. I don't want to do it all the way. It's a declaration of independence.
- How are we going to fix this? There's only one way. And that is you've got to change the way you look at things.
- Come take my yoke upon you and learn of me. For I am meek and lowly of heart, and you shall find rest for your souls.
- For those who had once been enlightened and have become entangled again? It says what? The latter state is worse than the first.

3 Dependence, Not Independence From God

Luke 15:17; Psalm 2:10–12

- Dependence, not independence from God. Dependence is the cure for sin's control.
- If we walk in the light as he is in the light, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin, and we have fellowship one with another.
- But when he came to himself. That says it all.
- Do homage to the Son, lest he become angry and you perish in the way.
- How blessed are all those who take refuge in him. The decision to be dependent upon God. How blessed is such a decision.

THE CHALLENGE

We need to perceive the awfulness of being in the domain of darkness. So that we can embrace freedom. True freedom, as Jesus offers it. And embrace the kingdom of light.

MY NOTES