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Dear Friend,

Our Founding Fathers desired Freedom over Democracy

By the time you will be getting this newsletter the July 4th holiday will be only a couple days away. By now you have probably heard your share of politicians and newscasters who have used the words Democracy and Freedom as if they were interchangeable. To most of us it seems natural that these words would be used together in a sentence. For instance we typically think that bringing democracy to Iraq and Afghanistan means the same as bringing freedom to their countries and yet the meanings of these two words are entirely different.

Most of us have come to associate democracy with freedom and in doing so we have come to believe that democracy is unquestionably good. But, democracy is not freedom! Democracy simply put is 'the rule of the majority'. Our founding father's understood that a democracy grants rights to its citizens based on the whims of the masses. That is why they referred to us as a being a republic because a republic exists to protect pre-existing rights. These pre-existing rights do not change with time, with new laws or by public opinion. Nowhere in the Constitution or the Declaration of Independence is the word democracy to be found. Yet within the '*Pledge of Allegiance*', that we recited every morning in school, contains the phrase, "and to the *Republic* for which it stands:"

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, With Liberty and Justice for all.

The difference between being a republic and a democracy are startling. As strange as it may seem if we settled for being a democracy we would probably lose *all* our freedoms whereas if we stayed a republic we would never lose our freedoms. Why? Because a democracy is based on shifting ideals that change as society changes thus we hold not onto the basic premise of what freedom truly is and accept the whims of mass appeal. Freedom is not the right to do what ever you want to do because society deems that it is now acceptable but to do what is right even though it may not be popular at the moment. Just because the morality of a society changes does not mean '*the republic for which it stands*' must change as well.

Our founding fathers understood that a 'democratic government' could become as tyrannical as any King could be.

Personal Democracy in Action!

All of this has reminded me of an incident that happened to me years ago. Back in the 80's in Eureka, Montana I worked for a man who was not a Christian and we got into a discussion one day at work concerning pornography. His premise was that as an American he had the freedom to look at anything he wanted to look at. As our discussion continued he said that it was only the self-righteous people that are attempting to stop an individuals right to look at pornography. He said, "Who gave you the right to say what is right or wrong to look at? If you don't like it just don't look at it!"

I looked at him and asked if he ever looked at Playboy Magazine? He looked back and with a twinkle in his eye said he had. I then asked if he had looked at Penthouse Magazine and again he said he had but he did admit that it was a little raunchier than Playboy Magazine. But he was quick to point out, "To each his own!"

I then asked if he thought that child pornography was alright. He became more hesitant and I could see he was struggling with how to respond so I pressed him further by asking him if there was a magazine on bestiality if he thought it would be appropriate. It was almost like someone threw a switch

because suddenly he became severely agitated and told me in no uncertain terms that bestiality was definitely wrong and then he went off into a tirade about child porn.

As he began to settle down I asked him this question, “Who gave you the right to say what is right or wrong for someone to look at?” He was taken back, to say the least by what I had just told him. He tried to justify his anger but all he could come up with were self-righteous reasons why that was wrong and what he did was right. Finally he looked at me and with a look of exasperation asked me, “Where could anyone go to find out what is right or wrong?”

I told him that there were many places one could go to find the answers, self-help books and philosophical books were two such places. In fact a lot of religions have the answers to what is morally right or wrong. But in all of my searching there was only one book that put everything down in black and white and if you didn't vary from the basic premise you would find not just the answers but the strength to overcome the temptations to stray from doing what was right.

Our Founding Father (GOD) desired Freedom over Democracy

When we were born we pretty much did what we wanted to do. In fact most people still do. Sure there are laws that prohibit us from doing things that society deems unacceptable but lets face it what was against the law years ago are now lawful. The reason is simple, laws change as society changes. So who's to say what is really right or wrong. Most people slide over into the gray area of right and wrong quite frequently. And just like in the story above many self-justify their involvement in porn as splitting straws over the issue of soft-porn versus hard-core porn.

A Christian whose lifestyle is based in democracy is one who lives mostly in the gray areas rather than whether something is right or wrong. Even though they know it is wrong they justify it as being right because there is a law, a loophole that allows them to get by with it. There is a difference between living a life of true freedom and living a compromised democratic lifestyle.

Christ came to set us free. John 8:32, “**Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.**” And further on in Romans 6:18 Paul says, “**You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.**”

Many people stumble because they trade the freedom that Christ offered for a ‘Christian Democracy’. There is no soft-truth or hard-truth in the word of God there is only ‘*The Truth*’. Any compromise then becomes a lie. Romans 1:25 “**They exchanged the truth of God for a lie.**” In fact read the rest of Roman's 1 and you will see where soft-truth leads.

Our life in Christ is not a democracy we are not to be ruled by the ‘rule of the majority’ we are ruled by the ‘rule of the One!’ Freedom comes when we realize that there are truths that are unchangeable. They do not change with time or with new laws or by public opinion nor do they change because the church says they do. If God is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow then His truths will be as unchanging as he is.

Father God, I want to thank you for establishing a foundation of freedom that is the mainstay of our country. I also want to thank you for establishing through your death and resurrection the opportunity for me to experience personal freedom in my life through accepting you as my Lord and Savior. This day I pledge allegiance to you as my Savior and my Lord, that I may never waiver in my love and commitment to follow your decrees for my life.

All our love,



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**July 3rd
Philadelphia Outreach**

**July 9th—11th
Cape Cod Mass.**

**July 22nd—25th
Lake Stevens, WA
Camp Meeting**