

Liberty



COMMON SENSE;
ADDRESSED TO THE
INHABITANTS
OF
AMERICA,

CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.
Declaration of the thirteen united States of America
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 Nature, and of Nature's God, a 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 the Declaration which they have adopted should be declared in a plain and simple manner, and that the reasons in support of it should be stated in terms which the people can understand. 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 basis, and so coupling its powers to the object which they have in view. We in the United States of America, do hereby declare our independence, and we do solemnly swear, that we are united with the thirteen united States of America, in a firm and unalterable Union, for the support and defence of which we pledge our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

The Nature of Our Liberty

- **Jesus fulfilled the promise of Liberty – Luke 4:16-22, Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11**
 - **Not physical liberty, as Israel expected**
 - **Liberty from the Law of Moses, but under law in Christ – Gal. 5:1-3; James 1:25, 2:12**
 - **Liberty from guilt of sin, but servants of righteousness– Rom. 6:17-23, John 8:31-36**
 - **We are to use our liberty to do good and serve others – I Pet. 2:13-17, Gal. 5:13-14**