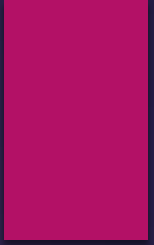


# INDEPENDENCE

A broken metal chain is shown against a black background. The chain is made of heavy, interlocking links. One section of the chain is broken, with several links floating in the air above the main chain, suggesting a recent break or shattering. The lighting highlights the metallic texture and the sharp edges of the broken pieces.

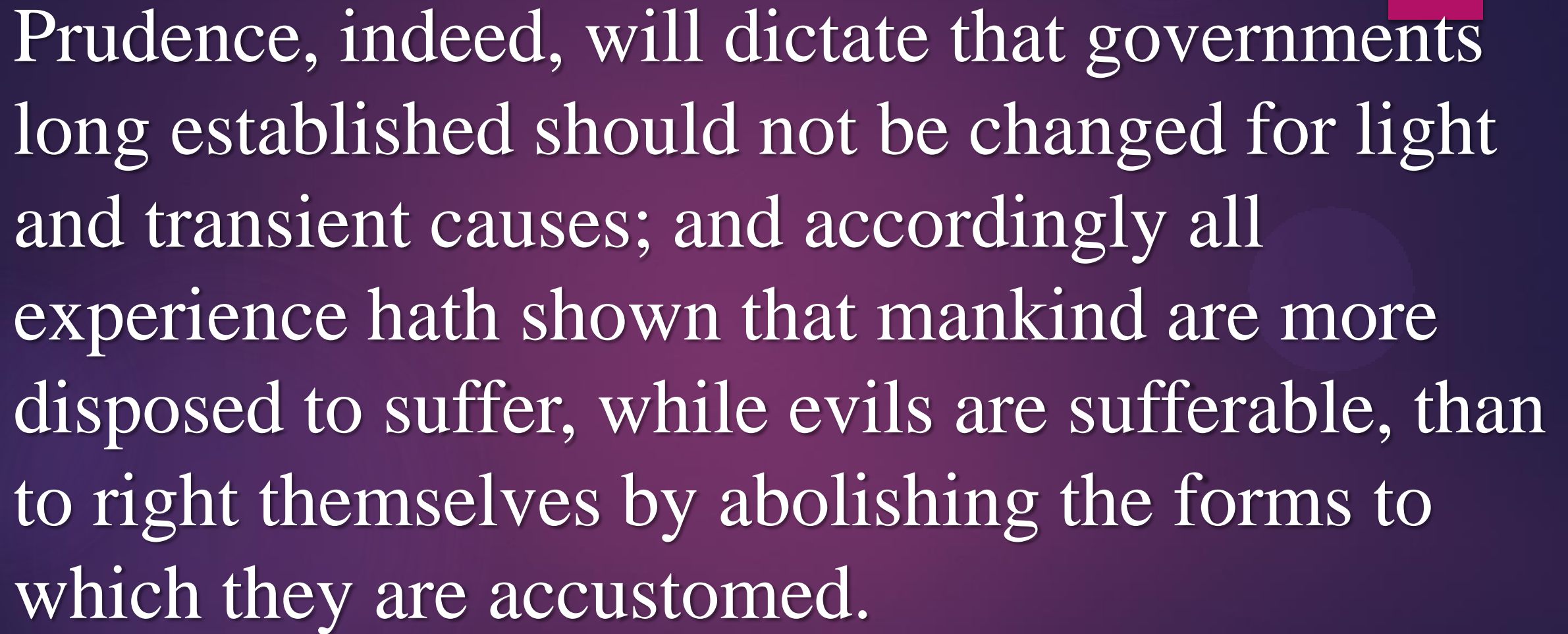
*FREEDOM IN CHRIST*



Liberty was infinitely precious to our fathers,  
because it bore the marks of sacrifice. It was  
crimsoned with the red stain of their own blood.  
We are inclined to hold our liberties cheaply  
because they cost us nothing.

# Declaration Of Independence

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.



Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed.

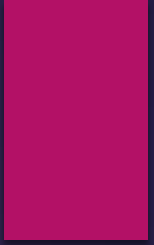
# Death Toll Of Soldiers Killed In U.S. Wars

- American Revolution 4,435
- War Of 1812 2,260
- Mexican War 13,283
- Civil War 618,000
- Spanish American War 2,446
- WW I 116,516
- WW II 405,399
- Korean 36,574



- Vietnam War 58,220
- Gulf War 383
- Iraq/Afghanistan 6,773
- Total Number Killed 1,264,289

*The price of freedom is not cheap, because it cost the life of so many.*



How many people have been killed for the cause of Christ.

- Christianity Today reports *70 million* since Christ walked this earth.

# Stop For A Minute And Spend A Little Time thinking About: Your Freedom!

- *Men & Women Have Died So That You  
Could Live A Life Of Freedom.*
- *No Longer Take Your Freedom For  
Granted.*
- *More Importantly Think About The  
Freedom You Have Because Of Christ.*



## Isaiah 61:1-3 (NASB)

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me To bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to captives And freedom to prisoners; <sup>2</sup> To proclaim the favorable year of the LORD And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,

## Isaiah 61:1-3 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> To grant those who mourn *in* Zion, Giving them a garland instead of ashes, The oil of gladness instead of mourning, The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.

# *Why do I have freedom as a Christian?*

## **Luke 4:18 (NASB)**

<sup>18</sup> "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,



# Christ Paid The Ultimate Price



FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON

## Romans 5:7-9 (NASB)

<sup>7</sup> For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. <sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.



## **Romans 8:2 (NASB)**

<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

*The First Cost Of Freedom  
Was The Life Of Jesus  
Christ!*

## 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

## **Romans 8:11 (NASB)**

<sup>11</sup> But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

## Hebrews 4:16 (NASB)

<sup>16</sup> Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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*Because of Christ we have the  
freedom to enter in with  
confidence to the throne room of  
grace!*

*What is so special about entering into  
the throne room of grace: because you  
have access to the King of kings, the  
Lord of lords and the God of all gods.*

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*Allow me to tell you about my King!*



# John 8:32 (NASB)

<sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."

