

Happy Constitution Day

Proverbs 29:2 "When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan."

"On September 17, 1787, a group of men gathered in a closed room to sign the greatest vision of human freedom in history, the Constitution."

- Scott Bomboy (The National Constitution Center)

When I was in 8th grade, my history teacher, Mrs. Peasley, required us to memorize and publicly recite the preamble to the U.S. Constitution. As a 14-year-old kid I didn't understand why it was so important. She would tell us stories of communism take over of Russia and other countries of modern day and how citizens would lose their freedoms and become slaves to the government in so many ways. I remember thinking so strongly: "That could never happen here." Well, I was very wrong. It can, and is starting to, and very well could fully happen in America.

I have said many times, and still believe, that America is not a part of Biblical prophecy. But I do believe in all my heart that America is part of God's Plan to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the nations of the earth. For the American People to fulfill this responsibility, we must be free. We must be free to speak, move, worship and gather without fear of persecution.

The Puritans came to the American Land not to conquer and pillage-but to worship. To be free to raise their children in the faith and be sure that the Gospel of Jesus Christ would be passed down from generation to generation. But over time history has been rewritten; it has been changed and altered to fit a narrative that America is evil at its root and must be redesigned and rebuilt.

America is one of the last standing nations on earth with a written document, promised to every generation of her citizens that guarantees the freedoms to fulfill the great commission: The United States Constitution! I have heard it said it is the greatest political document in history, and I would have to agree. It promises freedom of faith, religion, and practice no matter what you believe. To truly be a Christian nation means that every citizen has the free will to choose to worship the God of heaven or to reject Him completely and practice and worship whatever he chooses. Our God is a God who gave us choice and free will and the constitution reflect that for her citizens.

As today is Constitution Day across our nation, let's take some time to pray, thank God for our nation, and spend some time reviewing the Constitution and being reminded of how a convention of men on this date 238 years ago signed a document ensuring the following:

"We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

How blessed we are in America to have these guarantees. However, they will only remain intact if we know them well and practice them in righteousness.

Let's take time this week to pray and worship our God and give thanks for this nation!

I love you and God loves you!

Pastor Eric Lundberg

Here is a link to the Constitution of the United States in PDF form:

<https://constitutioncenter.org/media/files/constitution.pdf>