The background of the image features a large American flag waving in the wind against a sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. In the foreground, a dark silhouette of a cross is visible on the right side. The overall mood is patriotic and spiritual.

Freedom – Are You Free?
Romans 6:22-23

What is Freedom?

- **Freedom:**
- the absence of necessity, coercion, or constraint in choice or action
- liberation from slavery or restraint or from the power of another : INDEPENDENCE
- Miriam Webster Dictionary

Free or Slaves to Sins?

- If a nation or a person is not washed in the blood of Christ – then they are indeed **NOT FREE – BUT SLAVES TO SIN.**
- **Psalm 33:10-12** - ⁰The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;
he frustrates the plans of the peoples.
¹¹The counsel of the Lord stands forever,
the plans of his heart to all generations.
¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

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- **Romans 6:22-23** - ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Patrick Henry

- Whether this [the American War for Independence] will prove a blessing or a curse will depend upon the use our people make of the blessings which a gracious God hath bestowed on us. If they are wise, they will be great and happy. If they are of a contrary character, they will be miserable. Righteousness alone can exalt them as a nation.
- **Proverbs 14:34** - Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people

Symbols of Freedom or Slavery to Sin?

- **Romans 6:17-18** - ¹⁷ But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸ and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.



In these symbols do we find Freedom? Are we truly free?

- **Jeremiah 17:5** - Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD.
- **Psalms 146:3** - Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

Gay Pride – Rainbow Flag

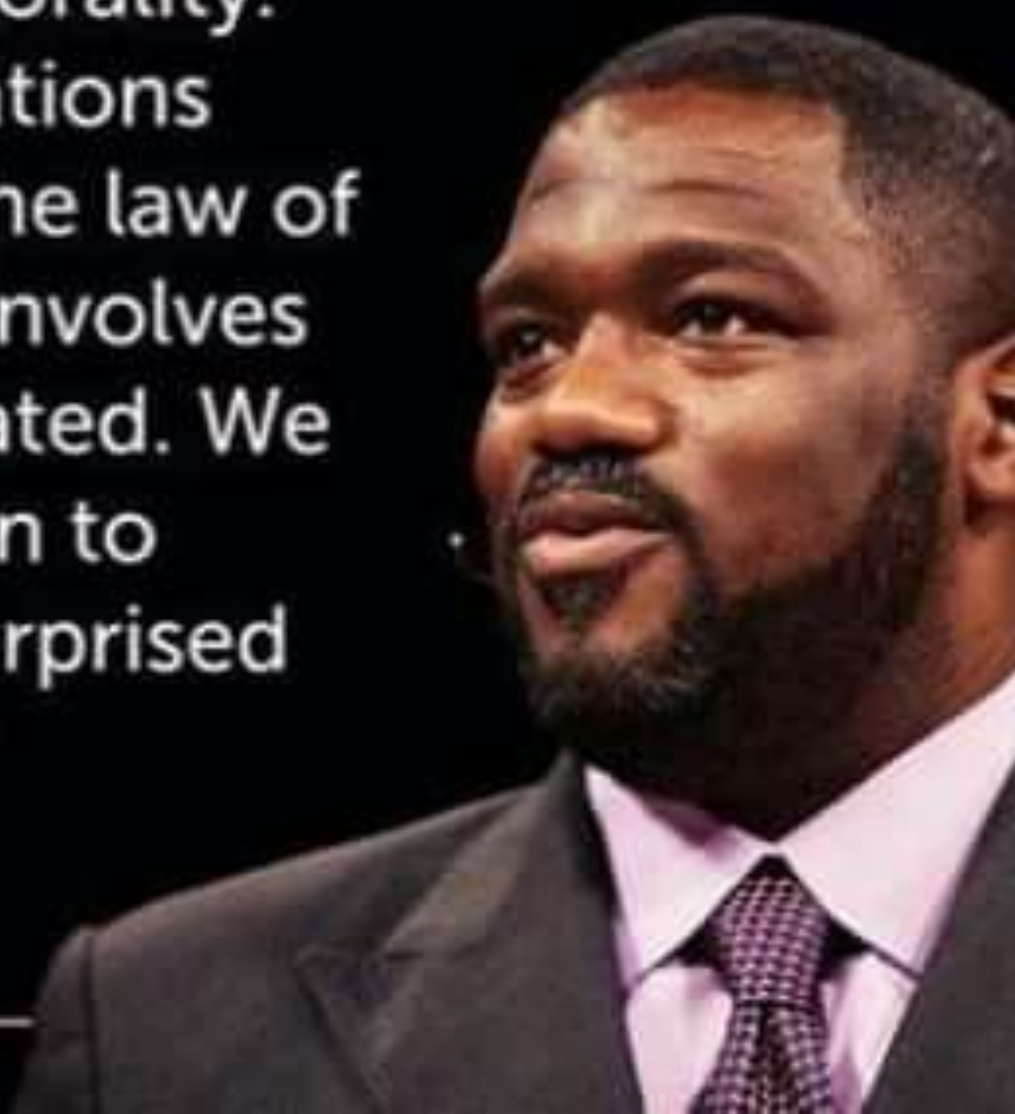


Transgender Flag



"If Psalm 1 is to be believed, we must not allow our children to stand, sit or walk with those who deny biblical truth and morality. Instead, we must place them in situations that will aid them in meditating on the law of the Lord 'day and night.' Surely this involves how and where they are to be educated. We cannot continue to send our children to Caesar for their education and be surprised when they come home as Romans."

VODDIE BAUCHAM —————

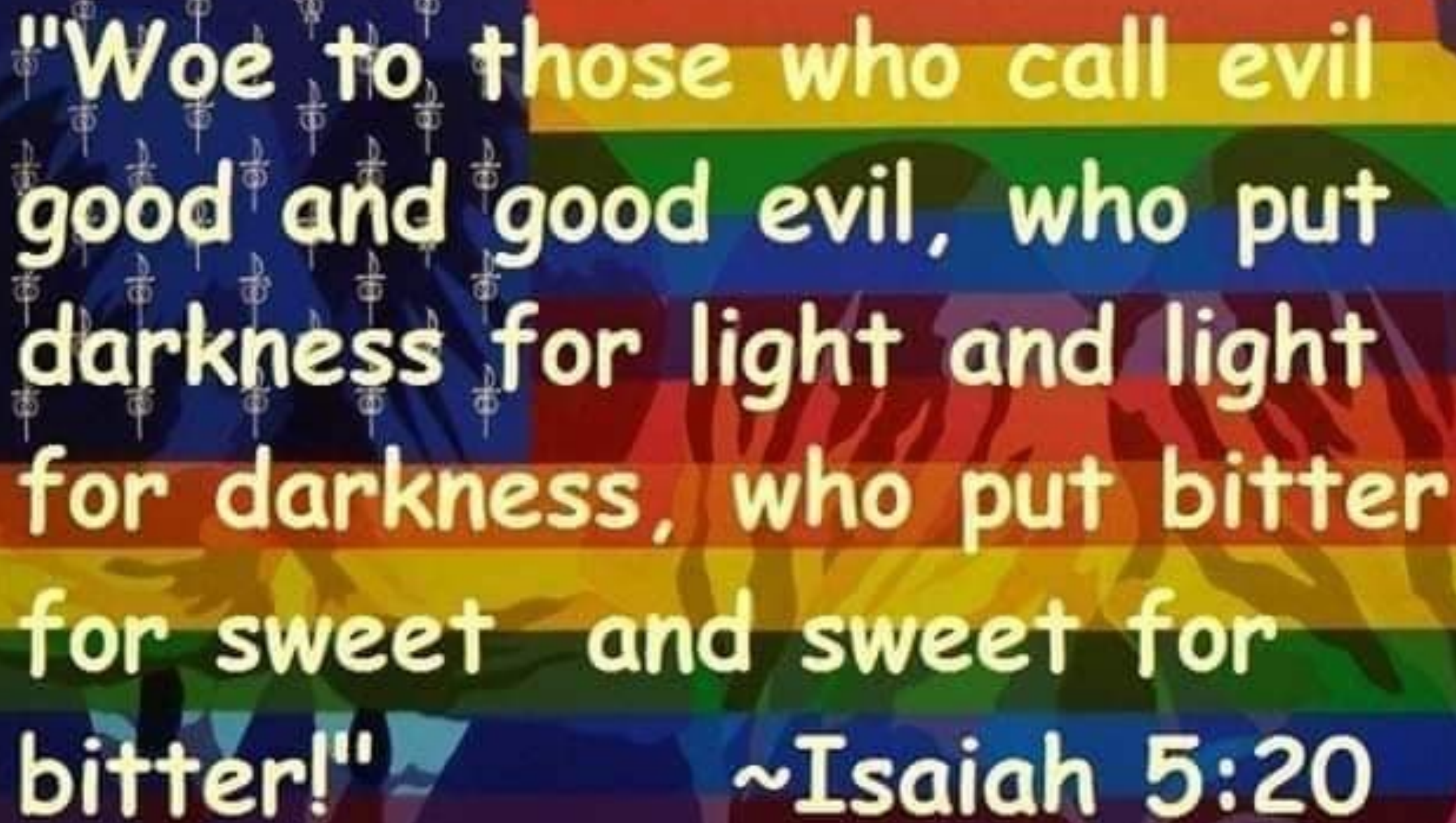


The Truth of the Holy Scriptures

Genesis 1:27 - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Romans 1:26-32 - ²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷ and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.



"Woe to those who call evil
good and good evil, who put
darkness for light and light
for darkness, who put bitter
for sweet and sweet for
bitter!" ~Isaiah 5:20



True Freedom – Only Found in Jesus

- **John 8:31** - ³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- **John 8:34-36** - ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Are You Free From Sin?

Acts 2:36-39 - ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

➤ **ONLY IN CHRIST CAN YOU CELEBRATE FREEDOM!
FREEDOM FROM SIN!**

To Maintain Freedom – It Requires Work

1. Freedom is a Choice
2. Freedom Requires Responsibility
3. Freedom Requires Sacrifice

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;**

Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right

Abraham Lincoln

