

# Christian Seeking Identity

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Greetings Family & Friends,

It seems like every person that I have talked with lately have all expressed the same sentiment, "I am ready for this year to be over. I am ready for a new year and a new start". I personally can't say that I disagree with them at all. But at the same time I have this voice within me that keeps asking, why has this all happened, what is there that I am not seeing or understanding from a spiritual stand point of view? If I try to answer any of those questions by looking around me that is an impossibility because in the natural, I can only see what the enemy wants me to physically see. This then leads me to a sense of hopelessness and despair which is exactly what my enemy wants me to come to. But God in His loving and caring way sends across my path a document that turns my despair and hopelessness into a sense of victory and a good future. This is the case in this month's newsletter as we share with you The Declaration of Independence written by a 17-year-old as a school assignment. He certainly captured or attention and we hope he will capture yours.

Despite our not being able to travel internationally we have been busy doing Zoom meetings with many groups around the globe. We have also been busy helping those that the Lord puts in our path to help. Just when you might be thinking what can I do, how can I help, let me update you a little; through your generous monthly support YOU have been able to help a pastor and his family (wife and 8 children) in Panama rebuild their home as the last two hurricanes destroyed their home completely and washed it away.

In India you have been able to provide Bibles, Christmas for children-who have nothing, food for a month for several families and a Bike for a pastor so he can visit his congregation and do evangelism in nearby villages. Through your generous giving God is at work providing for His children worldwide.

Suzan and I want to again say Thank you for your prayerful and generous giving support into this ministry. We are grateful to God for you every day. We pray Gods continued Blessings over you and your entire families.

God Bless you!

Your friends,  
Mickey & Suzan



***From Our Family to Yours***

***Merry Christmas & A Very Happy & Blessed New Year !***

## What are we Declaring?

With the end of 2020 finally in sight we have to be careful not to let its ill effects follow us into the next year. We have to look at what has been accomplished before we can correctly assess the future. Before this year ever began, God told me that 2020 would be a great year because the church would come to the end of itself. Now as I look back on the year, I see what that was all about. We cannot assess the state of the land or people by what we see or what we can do about what we see. We have to look beyond that. We have to look at things with God's plan and power in mind. At one point I found myself thinking about how misguided and unbelieving the up-coming generation has become and how the education system has failed them. However, those thoughts do not line up with the Word of God that says He will not fail them. His mercy is from everlasting to everlasting and his righteousness unto children's children. Psalms 103:17 God is raising up a generation of believers that he is specifically preparing for the times to come.

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Not long ago a 17-year-old that we know was given an assignment in his English class. The class had been studying the American colonies and the Declaration of Independence. The teacher being liberally minded asked them to re-write the Declaration of Independence and make it their own. As I read it, I could definitely see that he made it his own, but it was not what I was expecting!

## Declaration of Independence

“Over the course of our human existence, we can see destructive habits and patterns that take shape in our minds. Such habits lead to a negative existence for individuals and the society as a whole. In order to terminate the effects of the enemy on our thought process, and to be done with sin and manipulation, we must remind Satan of his defeat. He was defeated at the cross and will be judged. God’s people serve this document as an announcement to the rest of the world. We hereby declare our independence from the lies of the devil that have been cast down. Throughout the 66 books of the New and Old Testament, we can read stories and parables of the devil and his perilous defeats, along with the lessons Jesus gave during his time on Earth. All of such lessons point us away from the hands of the devil (in an effort to protect our minds from his invasions) and instead point us to the safety of God’s Word.

From the beginning, God gave each and every one of us freedom of choice. Guidance was also given but we had the choice of our own thoughts, words, attitudes, actions, and beliefs. He gave us this independence so that when we choose to follow him, he would know that we truly love Him because forced love is not love. In addition to freedom of choice, He also gives us the desires of our hearts. Following these desires will always lead us to great things. However, over the course of time, our choices have been warped and we have strayed from God’s original intended direction. The devil, fighting for control, puts desires in our hearts as well. This has been proven to lead to hellish endings. Sometimes through our undisciplined minds, the independent choice that God gave us becomes our weakness. Sometimes we aren’t smart enough to differentiate the two, nor strong enough to fight against the wiles (lies and temptations) of the devil.

Though temptation has had a pretty minimal effect on my life, lies have taken their toll on me. Some of the lies I believed were an attempt for temporary self-preservation. As a result of the lies I told out of laziness, I have broken the trust between me and my family. I have also told a few lies out of pride which have damaged the credibility I have with my friends. I have even told lies or given mis-directions about my own feelings because I don’t understand them and don’t have the patience to go the long road.

- He has made me overly judgmental and angry towards people. This drives me to not trust them and to distance myself which creates loneliness in some aspects.
- He has made me fearful for the security of my predetermined future. Through various judgments of people and failures, I have become skeptical of my own success.
- He has distracted me with false beauties and temporary things. This has kept me from trying to understand true beauty and why it is not within my reach.
- He has overstayed his welcome in my life and jaded me with unneeded and unfounded comparisons everywhere I look. He has disrupted my patience and negatively affected my goals.

The devil is very persistent in his pursuits. He has mastered the art of manipulation through thousands of years of practice. I often find myself relapsing, forgetting simple mindfulness, and getting lost in my own head. A lack of understanding where he has rooted himself within me has caused all kinds of problems. He is like a virus of negative thoughts, growing and corrupting from the inside out. Even though he can’t kill me or physically hurt me, I can cut off his ability to live in me by gaining control of my thoughts, words, attitudes, actions and beliefs. If I focus on improving these 5 things, then the devil loses his ability to attack me in these areas, which is what I have done. Being mindful of these things and stopping myself from worrying about things I can’t control strengthens me and clarifies my mind. Throughout my entire life, and the lives of all those who came before me all the way back to Adam and Eve, and those who will come after me, we have all been plagued by the distraught and hateful voice of Lucifer. So, we the God loving people of the world, **hereby declare our independence from the devil. We want to be present in the full love of the Lord.** We do not want to be filled with doubts or fears that cloud our visions of blue skies and a beautiful uncorrupted world. If not, we will prepare for war with the power of faith, pure wisdom, and our God given superpowers. For the devil merely has his lies, but we have the power to move mountains.”

Wow! Talk about turning around an assignment! After reading this, I can only conclude: God is raising up a people. In spite of what we have been led to believe, God’s Word will accomplish what it was sent to accomplish because it is incorruptible! His Word has been forever settled in heaven. 1 Peter 1:23-25; Psalms 119:89 “The devil merely has lies, but we have been given the power to move mountains!”