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When we think about the 4th of July, we think of freedom and the birth of our country, and we should also think of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the God of freedom.

Galatians 5:1 *It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore, keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.*

Jesus Christ offers the greatest freedom of all which is freedom from spending eternity in the Lake of Fire for anyone who puts their faith alone in Him.

Our founding fathers depended on the Bible and the providence of God to guide them into creating a wonderful nation based on freedom which is unique and superior to all others.

We salute them and celebrate them, but we are aghast at what our country has become.

There was a time when the people held the government accountable, a time when the government derived its just powers from the consent of the governed – we the People.

We have a Bill of Rights which recognizes that we the People, have inalienable rights that are given to us by God, they do not come from the government! The number one duty of our government is to protect the People and secure their rights.

The Declaration of Independence was written by Thomas Jefferson; it was not written under the inspiration from God, but it is one of the greatest documents ever written outside of the Bible.

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Since 1777, the Fourth of July has been celebrated as the day the United States of America formally broke from Great Britain and became an independent nation. Three early U.S. Presidents died on July 4th. Thomas Jefferson^{3rd}, John Adams^{2nd}, and James Monroe^{5th}. More unlikely still, Adams and Jefferson died just hours apart on the exact same day: July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of American independence.

Millions of Americans are shocked to see how quickly our beloved country has turned against God and have embraced sickening perversions and have readily complied with evil.

Most people are afraid of what will happen to our country, to their family, and to themselves. They want to know but only God can answer those questions. However, there are some who speculate what will happen.

Example:

**Pagan America, the Decline of Christianity,
and the Dark Age to Come**

We live in an anxious age. Long-held certainties, cherished beliefs, and social trust are crumbling. Don't expect things to get better. For too long we have taken our Christian heritage—the heritage upon which America was built—for granted. But we're rapidly, and now inevitably, losing the Christian culture that shaped the American republic. What will take its place is a despotism—and a new paganism, worse than the old, because it will be based on a hatred of Christianity. In his stunning new book, *Pagan America*, author John Daniel Davidson offers a stark but honest assessment of America's future: "America as we know it will come to an end. Instead of a republic of free citizens, we will be slaves in a pagan empire."

There is, he warns, no escape. We can only brace ourselves and prepare for a future when power will determine every relationship. Morality as we know it, as a Christian inheritance, will be forfeit [lost], replaced by state-enforced "morality." Violence will be common; doled out at the hand of an all-powerful state and its corporate alliance

"We don't know if this is our future or not. This scenario sounds awful, but we need to be ready for whatever comes our way. Our job is to trust our L.J.C. and to patiently wait for His plan to come to fruition. We should continue to pray for others and ourselves, keep on learning and applying Bible doctrine, Faith Rest, and keep an RMA. We need

to depend on the promises of God and keep our focus on the Lord and not on our problems!”

Psalm 16:11 Thou wilt make known to me the path of life; In Thy presence is fulness of joy; In Thy right hand there are pleasures forever.

There are hard times ahead, but we are not without hope. Christianity emerged within the confines of a pagan empire. Davidson shows how with courage, fortitude, and faith, it will be our duty and privilege to defend Christianity and restore its claims in what is likely to be a terrible and brutal dark age.

No one knows when the rapture will occur but Christians who are alert recognize that the Church Age is winding down. They also know that Jesus will come to take all Church Age believers home to heaven before the Tribulation begins,
We can compare what is happening to us during this time to what happened in the days of Lot. **PP**

For over 200 years, men and women have voluntarily put their life on the line to preserve the freedom in America. They are still doing it today. We celebrate them and our founders, especially their courage and loyalty to God and to our Country. But today, there is little to celebrate. The foundation of our beloved country is crumbling underneath our feet.

PP Psalm 11:1-7 For the choir director. A Psalm of David. In the LORD I take refuge; How can you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain; 2 For, behold, the wicked bend the bow, They make ready their arrow upon the string, To shoot in darkness at the upright in heart. 3 If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?" 4 The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD's throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. 5 The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates. 6 Upon the wicked He will rain snares; Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup. 7 For the LORD is righteous; He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face.

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Two Elements:

UNLEAVENED BREAD represents the perfect sinless humanity of J.C.

John 6:47-51 "I assure you, anyone who believes in me already has eternal life. 48) Yes, I am the bread of life! 49) Your ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, but they all died. 50) However, the bread from heaven gives eternal life to everyone who eats it. 51) I am the living bread that came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this bread (believes in Christ), will live forever; this bread is my flesh, offered so the world may live."

John 6:35 - Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

THE CUP represents the sacrifice of Christ for us on the cross.

He died twice on the cross and voluntarily gave up his life for us.

His sacrifice is the only thing that satisfies the justice and +R of God. It is the only thing that stands between us and the Lake of Fire.

John 1:29 *The next day he saw Jesus coming to him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"*

Corinthians 15:55-57 *O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56) The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57) but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Anyone can eat and anyone can drink, eating the bread and drinking from the cup is a public declaration that you have put your faith alone in Jesus Christ alone by grace alone.