



QA: Can a Christian Celebrate Independence Day? by [John T Polk II](#)

*All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.*

QUESTION: Can a Christian celebrate Independence Day?

ANSWER: Yes.

1. The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, stated:

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. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

2. The “unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” clause admits that:

- a. There are “Rights” that come from God to individuals without any guarantee from any Government;
- b. That these “Rights” exist before any laws of men are passed;
- c. Government should derive its “just powers from the consent of the governed” and therefore be subservient to the people, not vice versa;
- d. That *“whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government.”* Since Government is from the people’s consent, Christians should expect to exert whatever teaching and influence they can as their place in the citizenry of the country. It should be no surprise, then, that Christians, Though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled. (**2 Corinthians 10:3- 6**)

Teaching God’s Word helps bring down thoughts against God.

3. God has placed believers in high places in time past: Joseph in Egypt (Genesis 41:37-57**), Daniel in Babylon (**Daniel 2**), Jeremiah’s Prophecy in**

Persia (Ezra 1:1-11), Esther in Persia and Media (Esther 1-9), Nehemiah in Persia (Nehemiah 1-2).

4. God has “ordained” (set in place) any government in order to maintain law and order:

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. (**Romans 13:1-3**)

WHEN GOVERNMENT TERRORIZES GOOD WORKS IT CAN, AND SHOULD BE, CHANGED! TO ATTACK THE POLICE IS TO REBEL AGAINST GOD!

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