

A FREE NATION UNDER GOD

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Text: Gal. 5:1: "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free...."

Introduction:

Our nation enjoys unparalleled blessings. We may worship God as we choose. We may direct our lives as we think best.

How different is the situation in the communist nations, and in the so-called "uncommitted nations." In all the former, and most of the latter, these freedoms are non-existent. Any careless word that differs from the opinions held at the moment by the forces in power may lead to imprisonment, or even to death.

I. We need to realize the greatness of the blessings that our nation has enjoyed.

Freedom of religion - Contrast the situation in Spain, Soviet Russia, Red China, etc.

In Spain no Protestant church can even post a sign announcing its services.

In Russia no meeting of any church committee can be held without an atheist being present to represent the government.

Freedom to develop one's ideas.

In communist and "neutralist" nations freedom of enterprise is at a minimum. Everything is regimented. Men have little opportunity to