

Reading – Philippians 3:20-21

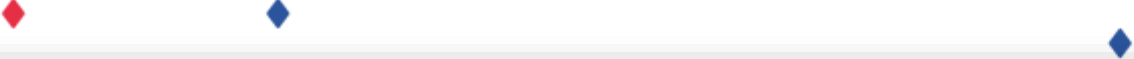
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Citizenship in Heaven

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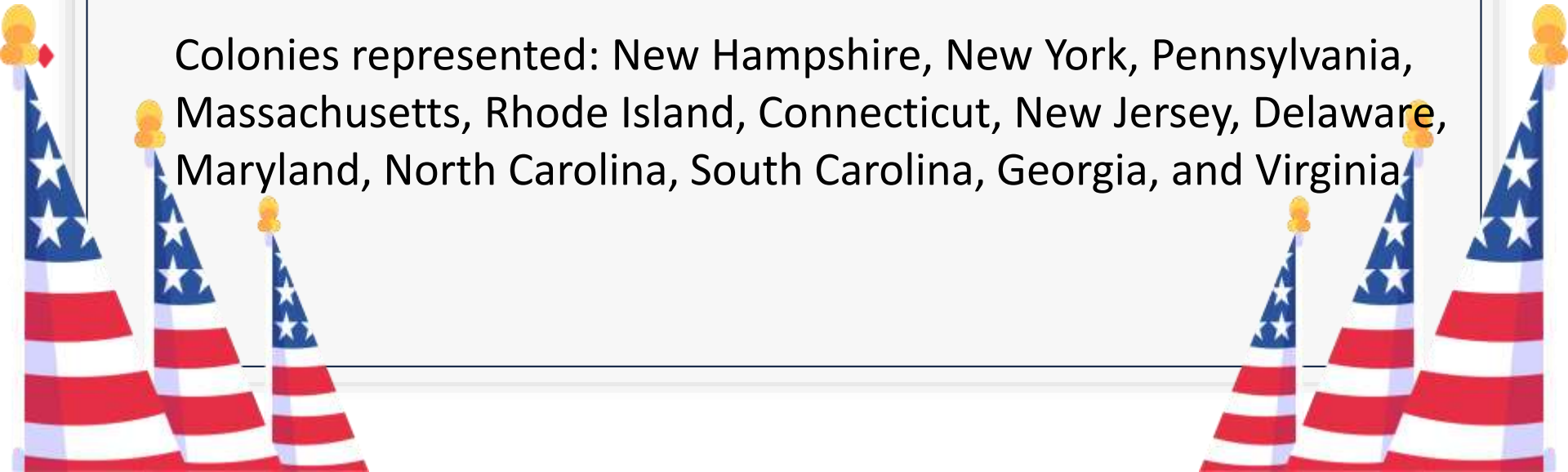
USA 250th

July 4, 1776, 56 delegates from 13 colonies met in Philadelphia, PA

12 of the 13 colonies signed the Declaration of Independence

Founding fathers like John Hancock, John Adams, Samuel Adams, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson were there.

Colonies represented: New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Virginia





13 Colonies Map

1. New Hampshire
2. Massachusetts
3. Rhode Island
4. Connecticut
5. New York
6. New Jersey
7. Pennsylvania
8. Delaware
9. Maryland
10. Virginia
11. North Carolina
12. South Carolina
13. Georgia

The image features a patriotic-themed border. At the top, there are strings of bunting flags in red, white, and blue, interspersed with small, stylized starburst graphics. The bottom corners are decorated with large, diagonal sections of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. In the center, a light gray rectangular box with a thin blue border contains the text.

“From the Lakes of Minnesota, to the hills of
Tennessee; across the plains of Texas, from sea
to shining sea; from Detroit down to Houston,
from New York to LA.”

Lee Greenwood- “God Bless America”

A decorative graphic at the bottom center of the page. It features a stylized top hat with a red band and a blue band with white stars. The hat is flanked by two sets of red, white, and blue striped ribbons that curve upwards and outwards, resembling a stylized 'V' or a pair of wings.







Acknowledged the Creator

- In both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States, the writers acknowledged the Creator, God.
- Stood up for freedom and stood against tyranny and oppression

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Worth Fighting For

The patriots who signed the Declaration of Independence were willing to put their lives on the line to fight for freedom, their families, and for their land.



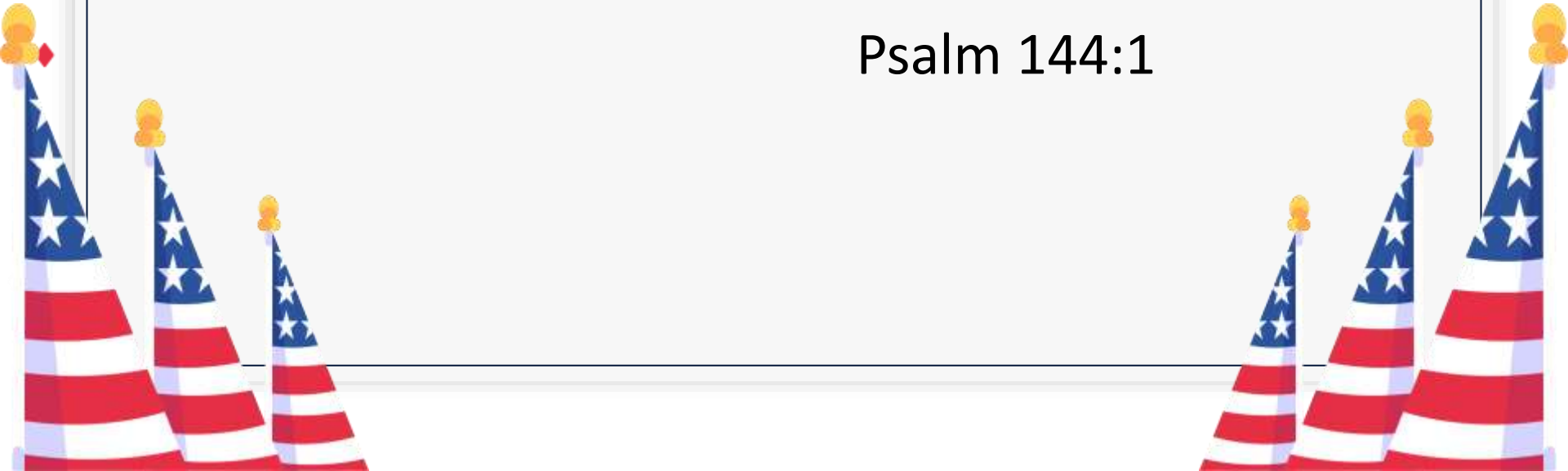


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It is Godly to fight!

Blessed be the Lord, my rock,
who trains my hands for war,
and my fingers for battle

Psalm 144:1

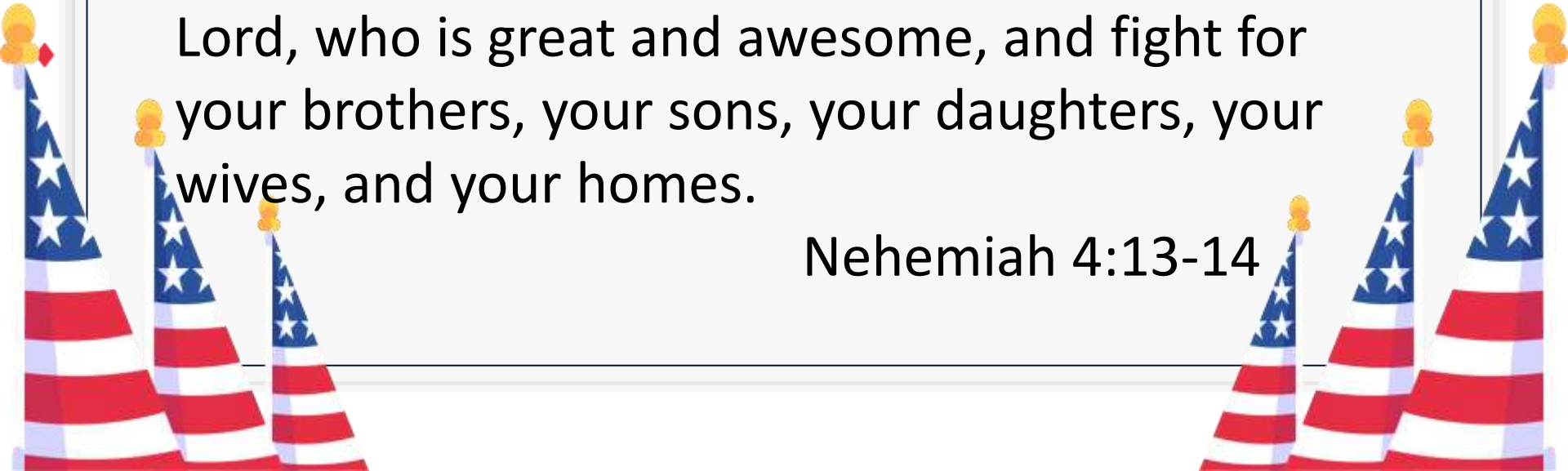
The bottom of the slide is decorated with stylized American flags. On the left, three flags of varying heights are shown, and on the right, three more flags of varying heights are shown. Each flag has a blue field with white stars and red and white stripes. The flags are positioned as if they are waving.



It is Godly to fight!

So in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.

Nehemiah 4:13-14



The Battles That Take Place

- Tend to think about God's grace, love, and forgiveness.
- Don't think about the wars that go on.
- Spiritual battles
- Physical battles



Thankful to be a Citizen

- Thankful to be an American
- More thankful to be a Christian!
- My citizenship is in Heaven



²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 3:20-21 ESV



Celebrate our Citizenship!

CELEBRATE IT

As children
of God, our
citizenship is
in Heaven.

GOING HOME

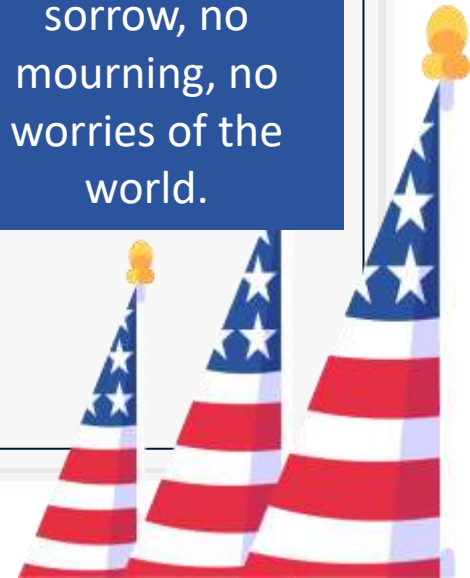
We get to go
home and be
with God.

GREATNESS

How great it
will be to be
in Heaven!

NO MORE

No more
sickness, no
pain, no
sorrow, no
mourning, no
worries of the
world.



A PLACE PREPARED

² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going."

John 14:2-4 ESV



THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

Revelation 21:3-4



OUR CITIZENSHIP CHANGES US

01. OF THE WORLD
Be fearful, selfish,
unkind, selfish

03. IN CHRIST
Displaying the Fruits of the Spirit.
Putting others before ourselves.

BEFORE CHRIST

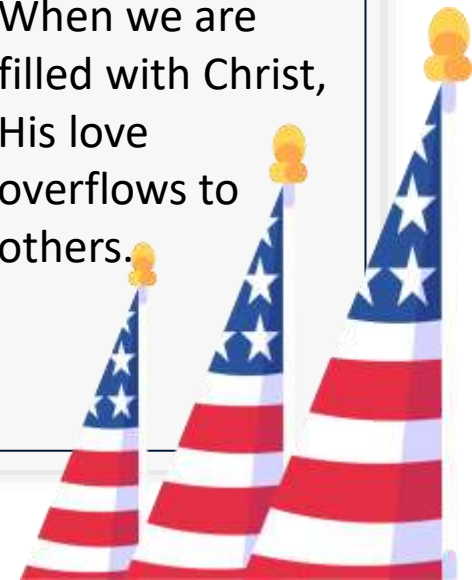
CHOOSING CHRIST

BEING CHRIST-LIKE

SPREADING CHRIST

02. IN THE WORLD
Behavior and
actions begin to
change.

04. FILLED WITH LOVE
When we are
filled with Christ,
His love
overflows to
others.



HOW OTHERS WILL KNOW

³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

John 13:35 ESV

We must love and serve one another, putting the needs of others before our own. We are to be fruitful. We are to display the Fruits of the Spirit.



The FRUITS of the SPIRIT

GALATIANS 5:22-23



LOVE

Seeks the highest good of others.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7



JOY

Finds gladness in God and His goodness.

Nehemiah 8:10



PEACE

Rest in God's promises and presence.

John 14:27



PATIENCE

Endures with calm trust and steady faith.

Romans 12:12



GENTLENESS

Treats others with humility and respect.

Philippians 4:5



SELF-CONTROL

Chooses God's way over impulses and selfish desires.

2 Timothy 1:7



KINDNESS

Shows compassion and tenderness to others.

Ephesians 4:32



GOODNESS

Chooses to do what is right and just.

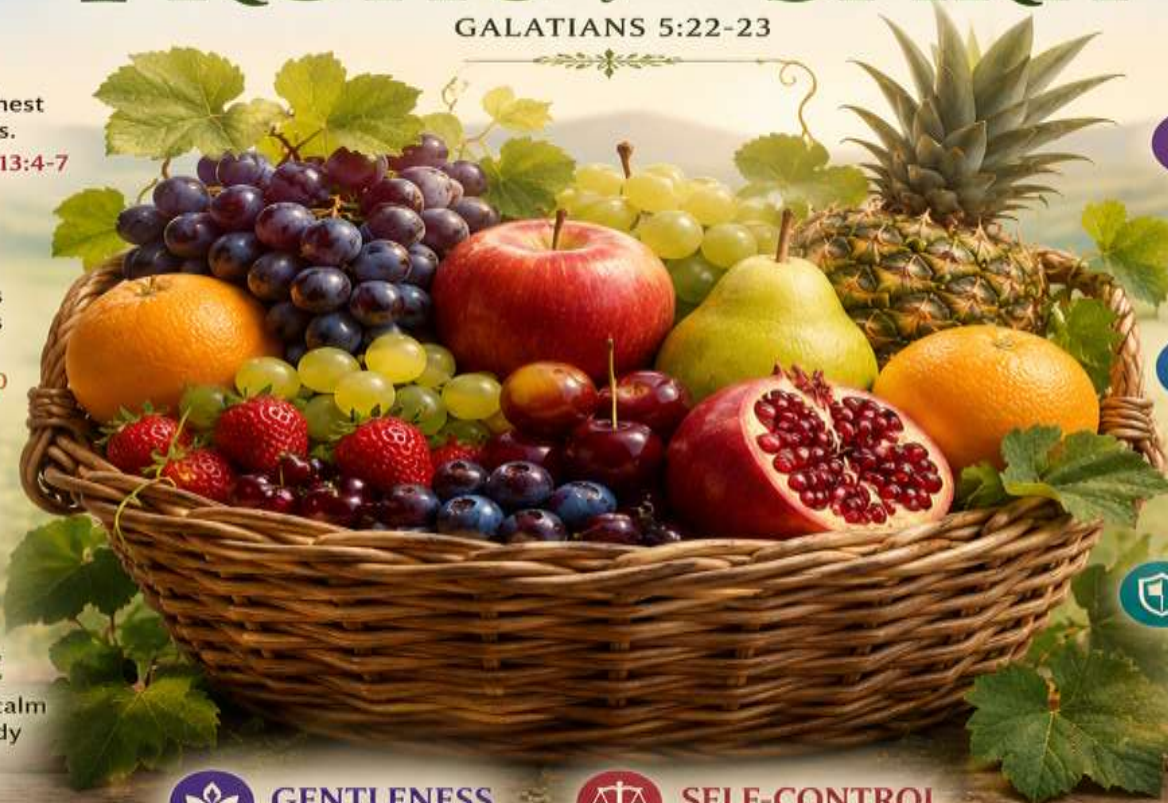
Psalms 34:14



FAITHFULNESS

Remains loyal and true in all circumstances.

Proverbs 3:3-4





WHERE IS
YOUR
CITIZENSHIP?

