

“LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS”

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TEXT: Isaiah 9:2 *The people that walked in darkness **have seen a great light**: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.* Do you walk and live as though you have seen this GREAT LIGHT?

- The right to **LIFE** comes from God. Job 10:11-13
 - 11 *Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.*
 - 12 *Thou hast granted me **life** and favour, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.*
- The right to **LIBERTY** comes from God. Galatians 5:1
 - 1 *Stand fast therefore in the **liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free**, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*
- The right to pursue **HAPPINESS** also comes from God.

WHY IS LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS SO ELUSIVE?

Life is like being on a highway that travels from time past to eternity future. True joy may be experienced in present time by proper preparation for eternity.

1. Blessed is the believer who **CONSIDERS** the seriousness of each one. Jer. 17:7-8,
2. Blessed is the believer that is **CAREFUL** how his tree grows. Psa. 1:1-6, Isa. 37:31
3. Blessed is the believer that **CAUSES** God to be blessed. Psa. 66:8, Psa. 27:1-4
4. Blessed is the believer who learns from **CHASTISEMENT** .Psa. 94:10-12, Heb. 12:11
5. Blessed is the believer who is;
 - CONDEMNED** by the error of his ways.
 - CRUSHED** that pride and hindrances may be removed.
 - CONTROLLED** that the Potter may shape him into His likeness.
 - CHANGED** into a tool God can use. Jer. 18:1-6
6. Blessed is the believer who **CONTINUES** faithfully through trials and testing. James. 1:12
7. Blessed is the believer who **COMTEMPLATES** the presents of the Lord. Prov. 8:34