

## I Pledge Allegiance To The Lamb

### THE PATRIOTS

**a. They Made A \_\_\_\_\_.**

Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentleman wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery... forbid it, almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death."

We need to understand something here, this was a bold declaration, in it, the Americans were challenging the most powerful empire of the world at the time.

**b. They Paid A \_\_\_\_\_.**

What about the 56 men who signed the declaration of Independence? Those who took a brave stand. Did they pay a price for pledging their allegiance? They sure did, their conviction resulted in untold sufferings for themselves and their families. Of the 56 men, 5 were captured by the British and tortured before they died. 12 had their homes ransacked and burned another 9 of the 56 fought and died from wounds of hardship of the war

Our founding fathers made a bold declaration and from that... they paid a high price.

### THE CHRISTIAN

**a. We Too Made A \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loves me and gave himself for me..." Galatians 2:20*

*"Now fear the Lord and serve Him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:14,15*

When you came to Christ., when you pledged your allegiance to the lamb, you were making a very bold declaration.

**b. Like The Patriots, You Must Also Pay A \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world and yet lose or forfeit his very self? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the father and of the holy angels..." Lk 9:23-26*

### The Calvary Family

A place: where the good news will be preached to the poor where freedom will be proclaimed to those held in captivity where recovery of sight will be proclaimed to the blind, a place where the burdened and oppressed will be released, a place of hope for the hopeless, a place of joy despite circumstances, of peace beyond understanding, a place of love, forgiveness, healing and acceptance, a place of new beginnings.....

The declaration is bold "Jesus is my Lord"

The price is high "Die to self"

But the reward is great