

EDGEMONT BIBLE CHURCH

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**“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”**



**“CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE”**

**1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34**

**I. REMEMBERING INDEPENDENCE DAY**

**A. *The Declaration of Independence***

- 1. The power of tyranny*
- 2. The need for separation*
- 3. Appeal to universal principles*
- 4. The desire to explain*
- 5. The need to substitute*
- 6. Total dependence on the Sovereign*
- 7. Birth of a nation/birth of an idea*
- 8. The need to remember - meaningful celebration*

**B. *The crucifixion and the resurrection - Passover and the first day of the week***

- 1—6 Freedom from the tyranny of Satan*
- 7. Birth of the church/birth of freedom*
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**II. DISCOVERING THE APPLICATIONS OF UNIVERSALS**

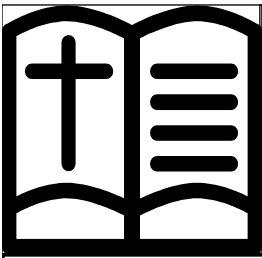
**A. *Context and the power of cultural prejudices***

- 1. Europeans, religion, and indigenous peoples*
- 2. Jews, Gentiles, idols and justification*
- 3. Failure to see the vision of God and the discipline of learning*

**B. *Failed applications do not negate the principles***

**C. *Humility required to gain an education and true practices***

**D. *The word of God, not the culture, is the standard of truth***



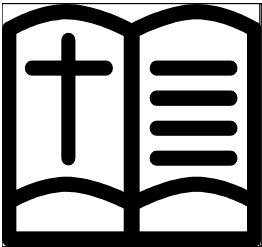
### III. MEANINGFUL CELEBRATION

#### A. American independence

1. *Reviewing the documents, context and history*
2. *Rejoicing in freedom - proper mindset*
3. *Gut check on tyranny: mob, the party, the majority, the minority, prejudice*
4. *Appeal to justice - the word of God*

#### B. The believer's independence

1. *Prescribed by our Lord*
2. *Practiced from the Day of Pentecost Acts 2:46; 20:7*
3. *A central instruction to the church by Paul*
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  - c. *The manner in which it is done is of grave importance; deadly serious!*
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  - g. *No special ordination is required; all are priests and all can serve*
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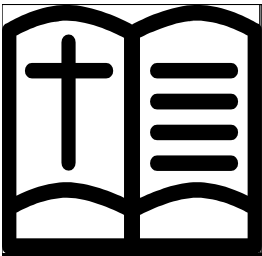
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