

## Allegiance                      Joshua 24:15

Consider the parallels between our ‘*founding fathers*’ allegiance to their country and the Christians allegiance to The Lord Jesus Christ.

### I. THE PATRIOTS’ ALLEGIENCE TO THEIR COUNTRY

#### 1. They MADE A BOLD DECLARATION

- a. The boldest declaration of all, *the Declaration of Independence*,
- b. They pledged their lives and their allegiance to their country.

#### 2. They PAID A HIGH PRICE FOR THAT DECLARATION

- a. After the Americans declared their independence, they had to win it by force.
- b. It’s one thing to make a bold declaration in a congressional meeting;  
it’s another thing to fulfill that declaration on the field of battle.
- c. Our Patriot fathers made a bold declaration—and THEY PAID A HIGH PRICE.

#### 3. They REAPED A GREAT REWARD.

- a. They won their independence and freedom!  
Not just for themselves, but for all Americans.

### II. THE CHRISTIANS ALLEGIANCE TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

#### 1. We MAKE A BOLD DECLARATION.

- a. A bold declaration that we will no longer live for ourself,  
but that you we seek God’s will for our life.
- b. A declaration as bold and as powerful as the one Joshua made.

**Joshua 24:14; Joshua 24:15**

#### 2. We MUST ALSO PAY A HIGH PRICE.

- a. It’s one thing to make a bold declaration, in the comfort of a church building,  
it’s another thing to fulfill that declaration on the battlefields of our daily lives.

#### b. Our war is hard to win.

1<sup>st</sup> WE ARE CHALLENGING A VERY POWERFUL EMPIRE.

**Ephesians 6:12**

2<sup>sd</sup> NOT EVERYONE IS COMMITTED TO THE WAR EFFORT.

Some are not really on the Lord’s side at all, but are loyal to the enemy,  
just as the Loyalists were **while Patriots were dying for their freedoms.**

3<sup>rd</sup> UNCONCERN ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR.

**Luke 9:23-24; Luke 14:26**

This is Christ’s call to discipleship to battle, not the call to salvation. –

Just as we’re Americans BY BIRTH—patriots JOIN UP

We come to salvation BY THE NEW BIRTH, but disciples JOIN UP.

**Luke 14:27; Luke 14:33**

#### 3. We WILL REAP A GREAT REWARD

**Romans 8:18**

One day those who have fought the battle valiantly will stand before the Lord and receive crowns for their faithful service for Him,

Oh, what a glorious reward is in store for the faithful!