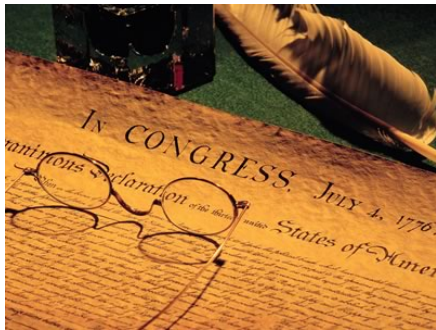


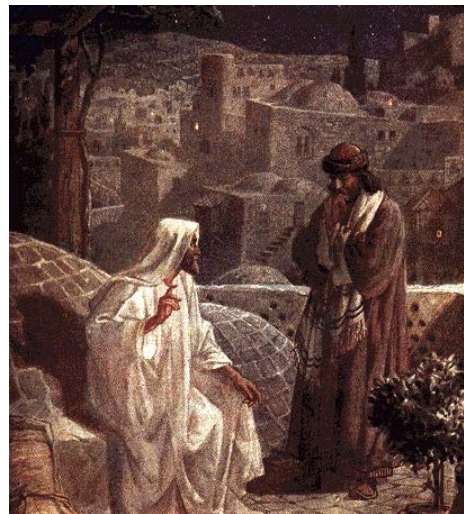
## #273 The Cross of Jesus Christ vs. the Rights of Man – The Great Clash: The Lord’s Born Again *second* birth vs. America’s Natural Birthrights *first* birth

**The Great Clash.** Thomas Jefferson’s Declaration of Independence (*below*) teaches mankind to *live after the flesh*. The pursuit of this life is the very root of the sin nature that dwells in every man. Our Lord died on the cross that we might be delivered from seeking after the flesh. The Bible warns that “...if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die” (Romans 8:13).



**Key Understanding:** *The Lord’s ‘born again’ second birth vs. America’s natural birthrights first birth. Any man’s hope for eternal life is through a born again second birth (John 3:1-8). The Declaration of Independence (pictured), which birthed the United States of America, represents the doctrine of a man’s ‘natural birthrights’ first birth – to seek Life, Liberty, and Happiness. That doctrine clashes entirely with the truth and spirit of the Lord’s doctrine of a man’s ‘born again’ second birth.*

**John 3:1-8 (KJV)** *There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:  
2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.  
3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **EXCEPT A MAN BE***



**BORN AGAIN, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

*4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born?*

*5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

*6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

*7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, **YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.***

*8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.***

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