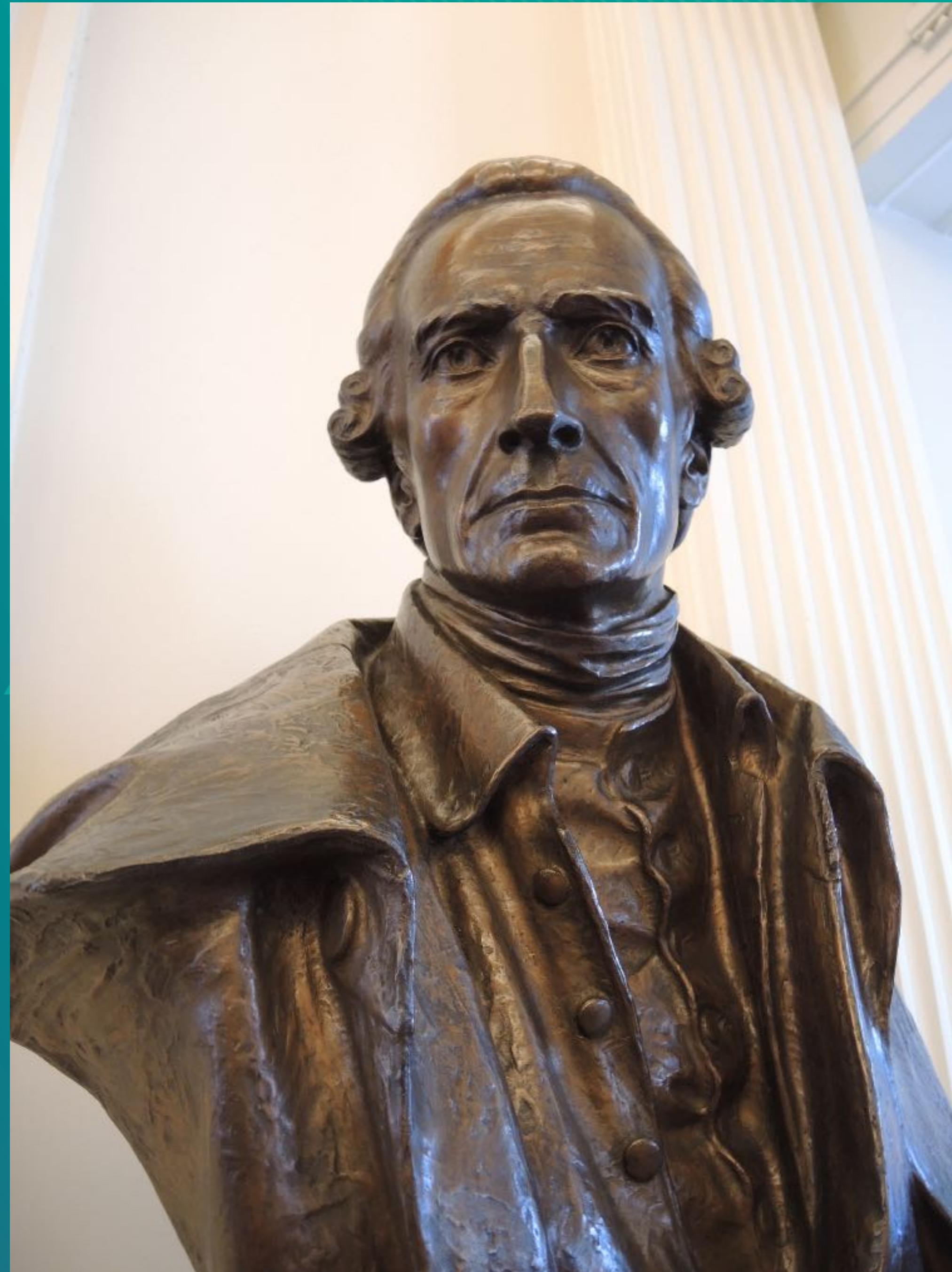


# True Freedom





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# “GIVE ME LIBERTY, OR GIVE ME DEATH !”

PATRICK HENRY delivering his great speech on the Rights of the Colonies, before the Virginia Assembly, convened at Richmond, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1775. Concluding with the above sentiment, which became the war cry of the Revolution.

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# The Argument of Galatians

## Big Idea

...we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified. (2:16)



# The Argument of Galatians

## Chapters 1-2: Personal

For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ. (1:10-12)



# The Argument of Galatians

## Chapters 3-4: Doctrinal

So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. (3:24-27)



# The Argument of Galatians

## Chapters 5-6: Practical

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another...[W]alk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (5:13, 16)



# Why Freedom is So Important

I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose. (2:21)





# Why Freedom is So Important

**Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.**



# Why Freedom is So Important

For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. (5:2-6)



# Why Freedom is So Important

**This persuasion is not from Him Who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. (5:8-9)**



# How to Live in Freedom

**For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (5:1)**



# How to Live in Freedom

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ Who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. (2:20)



# How to Live in Freedom

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. (5:25)



# Implications

- **The Big Idea is...BIG**
- **We are prone to trying to perfect ourselves in the flesh**
- **We are prone to judging others according to the flesh**
- **We are prone to giving in to the desires of the flesh**
- **The gospel is foundational, crucial and corrective to all of the above**





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# Next Steps

**I will identify areas where  
I'm trying to be perfected  
by the flesh**



# Next Steps

**I will identify areas where  
I'm distorting the gospel  
as I view others**



# Next Steps

I will ask God to  
strengthen my faith to  
walk by His Spirit



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