Introduction

★ Our country has been blessed by God more than we know, and our Founding Fathers knew this at the time of America’s establishment.

★ They wanted God to be the basis for the new country and that its Godly roots were on display throughout the nation.

★ In this presentation we will:
  ○ investigate how our country began
  ○ observe how crucial dependence on God is to our nation’s aggrandizement
  ○ explore a few of the tangible displays of our foundation in God
Five Biblical Principles

- Our Founding Fathers built this nation upon 5 key Biblical principles and have documented them in the Declaration of Independence:

1. God created all people equal. (Genesis 1 and 2)
2. God gave every person certain rights that are essential to God’s purpose for them. (Genesis 1 and 2)
3. God instituted government to secure and protect these rights. (Genesis 9 and Romans 13)
4. “We the People” hold the government accountable to God’s moral laws. (Exodus 20, Acts 4: 18-20, Romans 2:12-16)
5. Government must rule at the consent of the people. (Exodus 18:27)
The Founding Fathers have ingrained the theme “In God We Trust”, the basis for our Declaration of Independence, into the framework of the United States. It is the United States of America’s motto. The phrase appears in many iconic US monuments, national symbols, and historical buildings as a constant reminder of our Godly past and foundation and the firm reliance on God’s protection of our Founding Fathers. The process of making “In God We Trust” the motto for the United States was one of great sacrifice for many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!”

Psalms 33:12
The signers of the Declaration sacrificed so much and risked all that they had to create this nation with a Biblical foundation.

9 out of the 56 total signers of the Declaration died during the war.

5 of the signers were captured or imprisoned and tortured for their defiance to the Crown.

Many of them lost family members (one man lost his 13 children).

12 of the signers’ homes were burned to the ground.

17 lost all of their possessions.

However, despite being the victims of manhunts and persecution, none of the men ever gave up and desired for all future Americans to share their passion for this great nation.
At the time of America’s freedom from Britain, making “In God We Trust” possible was of primary concern to our Founding Fathers. Today, organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) are crusading to remove that term and the proof of our sparkling heritage from Washington D.C. and the whole nation.

Now, let us explore the tangible evidence of our nation’s biblical foundation.

Proverbs 22:28

“Remove not the ancient landmark which thy fathers have set.”
The Jefferson memorial’s construction began in 1938 by order of President Roosevelt and did not cease despite our nation’s entrance into World War II.

It was dedicated on April 13, 1943.

Intricate sculpting on the pediment of the memorial portrays Thomas Jefferson reading the Declaration of Independence.
One of the many inscriptions on the inside of the memorial is a quote from Thomas Jefferson’s Notes of the State of Virginia:

“God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that his justice cannot sleep forever.”
“In God we trust” is written in gold letters behind the speaker’s podium in the House Chamber.

A marble statue of Moses (one of 23 lawgivers) also rests in the Chamber above the Gallery door.

A plaque that says “in God we trust” is located above the Senate main door.

In the Prayer Room, a Bible sits open on the altar in front of the stained glass window depicting George Washington praying; and behind him, Psalm 16:1 is written:

“Preserve me, O God, for in Thee do I put my trust.”
Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address is found on the South wall of the Lincoln memorial, and it ends saying, “that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom — and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

Lincoln’s many words that are inscribed on this memorial give a clear perspective of his faith in God and dedication to having a “nation under God.”
The Washington Monument is the world’s tallest structure made of stone and also the tallest obelisk-shaped structure (555 ft.).

On the aluminum capstone the words “Laus Deo” are engraved.

In the interior of the monument many Godly sayings are written on tribute blocks such as “Search the scriptures”, “Holiness to the Lord”, “May Heaven to this union continue its beneficence”, “In God we trust”, and “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it”.
In the floor of the Rotunda, inlaid in bronze is the Ten Commandments with Senate and Justice to the right of them. This connotes that God's law is the basis for our law and judicial system.

Also on display in the Archives are the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. These are the 2 main documents that are proof of our Christian heritage and Godly principles.
Supreme Court

★ On the East Pediment there is a marble portrayal of Moses holding the Ten Commandments.

★ At the entrance to the Court Chamber, the roman numerals I through X are etched into the grand oak doors to represent the Ten Commandments.

★ Each time the Court meets a crier announces, “God save the United States and the Honorable Court”.
“If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.” -Ronald Reagan

★ Today, groups like the ACLU are trying to remove God’s name from schools, pledges, money, and more for the sake of “political correctness”, but the truth is that our nation was built on God’s Word and He has blessed us as long as we obey Him.

★ Also, many iconic symbols of once Godly institutions are being ignored.

★ For example, Harvard University used to be a religious school, but now, the name of God is disgraced and the opposite of His truth is taught.

“Open ye the gates that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.”
“A nation without God’s guidance is a nation without order. Happy are those who keep God’s law!” Proverbs 29:18

In conclusion, we have discovered how crucial it is that we maintain our Godly foundation in America. The Founding Fathers left us many reminders of our Christian heritage and we must make sure that “In God We Trust” does not vanish from today’s society. Even though technology, social media, celebrities, and society overall may try to make our decisions for us, we must stay true to our faith in God and be the examples for others to follow to make sure that in God we still trust.