



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

*“When we endorse Jesus (confess and believe),
it will save and create a new us.”*

Endorsement That Saved and Created a new US

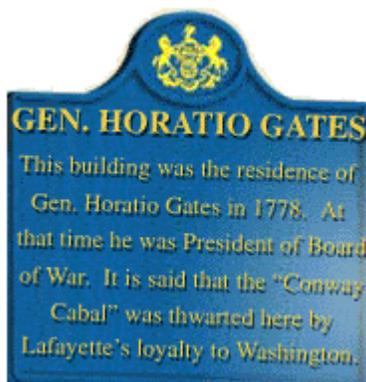
In the fall of 1777 forces of the British Army successfully captured Philadelphia, and the seat of the Second Continental Congress was forced to relocate to my home town of York, Pa. The series of military setbacks caused many to question George Washington's leadership of the war effort. In contrast, the northern army of General Horatio Gates had won a great victory over John Burgoyne's forces. The [Conway Cabal](#) was a group of senior Continental Army officers who aimed to have George Washington replaced as commander-in-chief of the Army with General Gates. It was named after Brigadier General Thomas Conway, whose letters criticizing Washington were forwarded to the Second Continental Congress. While the Conway Cabal was being discussed, General Gates also moved to York. (As a sided note, my wife Susan was the weekend manager for the [Golden Plough Tavern and Gates home](#) in the 1990's.)

At the same time, Marquis de Lafayette, a Frenchman commander, was called to York to meet with the Congress to accept a special commission. While in York, Lafayette [endorsed](#) his friend Washington and stated that if his demands were not granted, he would return home to France "with most all the French officers in the Army." His endorsement ended the discussions of replacing General Washington and later led the French sending troops to help George Washington win the final battle at [Yorktown](#). His endorsement helped [save and create a new US](#).

Today political candidates, sports, organizations, businesses and causes are always looking for endorsements. During an election year, you get sick of who is endorsing who. Sometimes race cars have so many endorsements plastered on their cars that you cannot see the original paint.

There is a greater endorsement than all these. God the Father said at the baptism of Jesus, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Matt 3:17 “The centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly, this was the Son of God.” Matt 27:54

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” Rom 9:10 If we make this endorsement and confess that we are sinners, God promised to [save and create a new us](#). This is more than any politician can do. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” 2 Cor. 5:17



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Lafayette's toast at York.



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