

# History and Perspective

Abraham Lincoln on slavery.....

"My paramount object in this struggle is to save the Union, and is not either to save or to destroy slavery. If I could save the Union without freeing any slave I would do it...What I do about slavery, I do because I believe it helps to save the Union..."

*The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* edited by Roy P. Basler, Volume V, "Letter to Horace Greeley" (August 22, 1862), p. 388.