

Truth Shall Make You Free

I want to speak to us today about:

You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

On this day all across America people are celebrating their liberty and freedom.

*But what exactly is Liberty: **Liberty, Liberation:** is Freedom from physical, political, and spiritual oppression.*

On this 4th of July many will think back to what this day really means and the sacrifice that was made for us to live in this United States,

And then there will be others who will just treat it as one more day to get together with family and friends to have a good time in the freedom of America.

But what is true freedom?

Is it:

- Doing what pleases us
- Acting any way we want to
- Saying things that we feel regardless of the outcome
- Taking drugs and drinking our life away
- Marring and divorcing just because we can
- Hurting others with anger and false accusations
- Taking advantage of our love ones or those we come in contact with.

That maybe the worlds system of Freedom.....

But let me tell you today **Gods freedom:**

- Is more than doing as we please,
- It is more than filling our lusts and passions
- It is more than worry and despair, depression and neglect.
- It is more than daily routine; it is being free from the chains of self-centeredness and hurt and pain, financial burden and health problems.

Today Freedom is in the house of the Lord.

Today Freedom is right before us

Today Freedom can be for you and your children

Today **true Freedom is in Jesus Christ**.

In Isaiah 42 we read this morning as Isaiah the profit **proclaims the Words of Freedom!**

Not fleshly freedom but Spiritual Freedom, freedom that will give us the ability to move about freely in the will of God for our lives.

Isaiah begins to proclaim a new and better way for mankind; he begins to speak the words of God to all that will listen to the new covenant of Freedom from the Law of sin and Death.

He declares these words in:

Isaiah 42:5-8 Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, and spirit to those who walk on it: 6. ***"I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness,*** and will hold Your hand; ***I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people,*** as a light to the Gentiles, 7. ***To open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house.*** 8. I am the Lord, that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.

There is freedom for the souls of mankind, if we will just Let Go and Let God.

Jesus has come so that we could be made free from the Bondage of Sin and death?

God said he is calling all into Righteousness, to a new way a better way, a covenant that will open the blind eyes and bring out prisoners from the prison, ***those who sit in darkness from the prison house.***

If this word is truth then why are so many people struggling in this world ***with their God given Freedom???***

Is it because we walk according to the flesh and not according to the spirit????

*Can I tell you today that if we will listen to **The truth, the truth shall make you free.**"

In the book of Romans the Apostle *Paul begins to show us great and important truths that will help us be made free.*

ROMANS 8:1 - *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

What Paul is teaching us is this, **If you love the Lord and have obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ there should be no condemnation in your life.**

- **We should not walk around with our heads down** and be plagued by the things of the flesh this world or things of the adversary
- **We shouldn't let the hurts and pains of our past make us feel as if we are no good...**

We should not let our flesh put us back into bondage or spiritual prison, because **we have overcome these things through Christ which strengthens us.**

- We should understand the freedom that has been given to us.
- Paul was letting us know that **true Freedom is when you are in Jesus Christ** and **Jesus Christ is in you.**

When we walk by his Spirit and not by our flesh, is when we will be overcomers and have the true Freedom that God has given us.

Romans 8:5-6 – NKJV declares:

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

If we have truly come into the Truth, we will learn these principals that Paul is telling us about in Romans 8...

He is telling us to understand that **Living by your Flesh will only cause you to think of things that:**

- Are **not-Godly.**

- Do things that will cause you to **stumble and fall**
- Look at things you **should not look at**
- Say things that will only be **hurtful to you and others**
- Act in ways that **will not be pleasing to God** or your Family

And over time you will end up **backwards into a Spiritual Prison** looking for your way back to the place of Freedom in Jesus Christ.

If we will continue to walk in the Spirit and Talk in the Spirit, act in the Spirit and live our lives by the Spirit

Then we will ***continue in the Freedom of the Truth*** and **we will be made free from the Bondage of Sin and Death!!!!!!**

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In the Book of John chapter 8 we find that ***Jesus is talking to the Jewish people of that day***, and he begins to give them ***instruction and insight to a life of Freedom.***

This is what he said:

John 8:31-32 – NKJV - The Truth Shall Make You Free

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² ***And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***"

Now we must understand that the Jewish Community of that day ***we're still the chosen People through the covenant given to Moses***

But these people would not listen to Jesus nor would they take instruction from him ***no matter how much he touched their lives.***

What I find interesting is in this day people all around us act just like the Jewish people in the days of Jesus:

- They don't want to listen to anyone talk about Jesus
- They are not interested in the bible way
- They are into themselves and not others
- They are looking to gain by hurt instead of love.

That is not Freedom, **you can't be made free by earthly ways**, only Jesus can make us free.

That is what John wrote about in John 8:31-32 he is writing about those that would listen to Jesus tell them the way to Freedom. ***The Truth makes us free!!!***

The Word of God is Truth and if we will pick up his word and stay with it ***then we can be called his disciples and learn the ways of the Truth.***

What Jesus is saying to us is that **his word is the ticket to Freedom**, it is the road map that will lead us to the way of Salvation and Life everlasting without pain or sorrow.

Closing: This is Independence weekend!

Definition of Independence is – Freedom from the control, influence, support, aid, or the like, of others...

Communion: 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 NIV

23 The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.

²⁹ For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.