

## July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 - Independence Day - Spiritual Liberty

### John 8:32 - NKJV

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***When we look back at our fight for independence*** from England in July of 1776. There was mass shooting of our men, sons, and even daughters who would take a stand against the British Empire.

***When we think of July the 4th*** we think of fireworks and cookouts. But the real fireworks were not pretty for they were bombs bursting in air and the destruction they brought was real.

***If they landed near you, you were either put in a hospital or a grave.***

- **Not** a pretty picture at all.
- But Liberty has a price tag.
- Freedom has a cost.

**Our freedom** here in America was bought by the blood of many men who fought for the principals of that freedom....

**Our spiritual freedom** and liberty today also was very costly and it still carries a price tag.

***Are we willing to pay the cost*** of keeping this freedom as many of our country's men and women have done through the years since July 4th, 1776?

### **Liberty is a purchased commodity**

#### **A. Natural Liberty**

- Mankind is often ruled over by power hungry rulers who hold their citizens in captivity within their own land
- Governments can rule over people and strip them of their individual freedoms

**Our forefathers** came to this land to be free to worship God with their own hearts as they saw fit.

**Not** to have a government that would tell them how & where they could worship...

**The founders of our constitution** believed in the true principals of liberty and freedom

- Which they believed were **God given rights** to all men.

**Freedom was purchased** from England by taking a stand and fighting for it

- That **fighting cost people their lives.**

**What a cost!**

Their blood was **shed for the freedoms** which we now enjoy.

- Many **lost** their homes and businesses - - -
- Their enemies would ***burn everything to discourage*** them from fighting against them!

**What a cost!**

Many **older folks** lost their children to the Revolutionary War

- Young men went, fought, and died ***so we can enjoy freedom!!!***

**What a cost!**

Truly freedom **isn't Free!**

Someone must **pay the price of Liberty.**

## **B. Spiritual Liberty**

In the spiritual realm **the enemy denies people of their liberty** through **SIN.**

**Proverbs 5:22 - NKJV**

<sup>22</sup> His own iniquities entrap the wicked *man*, And he is caught in the cords of his sin.

When we commit sin, we become its servant.....

**John 8:34 - NKJV**

<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin ***is a slave of sin.***

Even when we are born again and set free from sin we often ***place ourselves once again in its bondage...***

**Romans 6:16 - NKJV**

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of ***sin leading to death***, or of ***obedience leading to righteousness?***

Since all have sinned and come short of God's glory **is there hope that any can find liberty and freedom from sin?**

**YES !!!!**

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**Obtaining the Liberty**

**A. Natural Liberty**

- The Revolutionary War brought our nation the independence that it had fought for and shed its blood for
- From time-to-time other wars were fought to maintain that independence and to bring independence to others

**B. Spiritual Liberty**

The ultimate and eternal sacrifice of ***Jesus on the Cross*** was the catalyst which ***brought about the potential for freedom!!!!!!!!!!***

**His blood shed on Calvary** was the price tag of **freedom - - -**

- A very expensive price....

Through giving His life other lives could be redeemed or purchased  
The sacrifice of Calvary should be our remembrance every **4th of July** as we celebrate **Independence Day**.

The sacrifice of Jesus did not automatically bring freedom to all mankind

- Even though *the blood was shed for all* - - -
- *We must apply it!!!!!!*

The truth the Bible says will set you free if you can come to **KNOW IT!**

**What is that truth that brings freedom?**

- How can we find it?
- Where can we go to look for it?
- What is the secret of liberty from sin?

**Ephesians 1:13-14 - NKJV**

<sup>13</sup> In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard **the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation**; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

<sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

The Gospel is the Truth which will set us Free from the clutches of sin in our life

**1 Corinthians 15:1-4 – NKJV - The Risen Christ, Faith's Reality**

**15** Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand,

<sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

<sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

**The gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus!**

**How do we receive this Gospel of Salvation?**

**What** can we do *to acquire the redemption price* Jesus paid for our Liberty?  
Peter preached the answer to this question on Pentecost - Acts 2:38

**What is the secret to this message?**

- **Obedience** to it!
- **REPENT** - Change your thinking!
- **Be Baptized** in Jesus Name!
- **Be filled** with the Holy Spirit!

**Does this really bring Liberty?**

**2 Corinthians 3:17** - NKJV

<sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty.

**CLOSE:**

**C. Spiritual Liberty costs us something as well**

***It cost us our old thinking and way of life***

***It cost us our old habits of sin, for if we continue to sin, we will continue to be in bondage to sin.***

***It cost us the control of our lives, when we let Jesus be the Lord of our lives, we cease to be in charge.***

**“Not my will, but yours be done”**

***Do you really want to be free today? CHANGE YOUR THINKING!***

**Freedom Isn't Free - John 8:32 - NKJV**

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The word says – **Isaiah 61:3**

***“For the spirit of heaviness - Put on the garment of praise”***

\* That's how we fight our battles!!!!

- It may look like I'm surrounded but I'm surrounded by You 😊