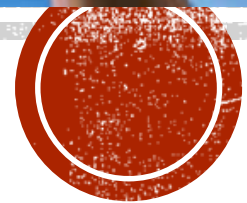


FREEDOM



John 8:31-36



JULY 4

- Tomorrow is the 4th of July - Independence Day
- It is more than fireworks and cookouts
- It is a symbol of the freedom we enjoy as a nation
- Christians also enjoy some special freedoms



JOHN 8:31-36

- 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." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* you say, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.



FREEDOM FROM SIN

- Sin makes us slaves
- We have freedom from sin
- **Revelation 1:5b-6** To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, ⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.



FREEDOM FROM SIN

- **Romans 6:8-10** ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God.



FREEDOM FROM SIN

- **Romans 6:17** But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.
- Freedom from sin may mean suffering, mockery, hardship and persecution



FREEDOM TO SIN

- The same freedom we have from sin allows us TO sin
- We can choose to obey or not obey
- It may mean we suffer the consequences
 - Consequences in this life
 - Eternal consequences



FREEDOM TO FORGET

- We forget what July 4 is all about
- We forget what salvation means to us
- We forget how we depend on God
- **Hebrews 3:12** Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God



FREEDOM TO FORGET

- **Deuteronomy 6:12** *then* beware, lest you forget the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.
- **Psalm 51:10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.



FREEDOM TO FORGET

- **Psalm 51:12** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.
- We must be reminded of the joy of our salvation
- We must remember why we are free.



FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE

- **Galatians 5:1** Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.
- **Romans 8:15** For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."



FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE

- **Romans 8:21** because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
- The chains of sin are broken.
- We are set free from bondage.



FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

- In USA our freedom is at the cost of many lives, great courage, much suffering
- Freedom in Christ cost him his life.



ARE YOU FREE?

- Do you enjoy freedom in America?
- Are you free from sin and bondage?
- You can be free from sin today.

