

True Freedom

Tomorrow we will be celebrating the 246th anniversary our independence.

But I wonder, do we really understand Freedom?

True Freedom is never free!

It always comes at great cost.

The men who signed the Declaration of Independence were essentially signing a death warrant.

Since the Revolutionary War over 1,200,000 American troops have died for our freedom.

Let us not be guilty of diminishing the value of

the freedom that has been won for us at such a great cost.

Proverbs 14:34 *"Righteousness exalts a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."*

To a great extent, our modern objectives have become success, status, & security.

These are followed closely by self-indulgence, comfort & pleasure.

Riches are elevated above righteousness.

Science is elevated above the Savior.

We abandon the moral law & then shake our heads in disbelief as crime increases.

2 Chronicles 7:14, 15

OUR INDEPENDENCE AS PEOPLE IS BASED UPON OUR DEPENDENCE ON JESUS.

I. JESUS SETS US FREE FROM THE POWER OF SIN

Romans 6:20-22; John 8:31-36; Romans 6:5-11

II. JESUS SETS US FREE FROM THE PENALTY OF SIN

Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1, 2

III. JESUS WILL SET US FREE FROM THE PERSENCE OF SIN

John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:3, 4

What has He Prepared?

1 A place with no more sorrow or crying.

a) Heaven is a place where the hurts and disappointment of this world have no more sting.

b) Where the frustrations of life are replaced with unspeakable joys.

c) Where the pains of life are not permitted and the failures of life control us no longer.

2 A place with no more pain.

Physical, Emotional or Spiritual

3 A place of Great beauty.

Conclusion:

As we remember the birth of our nation this week, let's not forget where true freedom comes from.

TRUE FREEDOM:

Means you are free to revel in the wonder of abundant, eternal life.

Colossians 3:1-4