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"...how you turned from
idols to serve the living
and true God."

(1 Thessalonians 1:9)



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Wow! We're free and it's the 4th of July!

Essential to Christianity is gratitude. So as we celebrate the Fourth of July, let's focus on three aspects of our freedom for which I'm grateful.

Our Freedom in a Free Society

When I was a child I thought that if a King commanded something then it would happen—immediately and always. Likewise, I thought that to live in a free country meant I could do absolutely anything I wanted.

Of course in my youthful simplicity I was making a profound mistake. No one, not even a king has that kind of freedom.

Yet it's also obvious that some societies are more free and others less so. So I'm thoroughly grateful to God that I live in one of the most personally free nations, especially free to worship God in Spirit and Truth! God seeks true worshipers and insists that we worship in Spirit and Truth, as in John 4:23-24

Our Freedom from Sin

One of the most disappointing aspects of our culture is that we don't have a widespread individual awareness of our own sin and sinfulness. In days past, as the Hebrew writer said, one of the main purposes of Jewish sacrifices was the remembrance of sin. Yet Americans

speak seldom about sin, and even less frequently admit their own sin. So, freedom from sin is little appreciated.

Yet as a Christian I've become acutely aware of my sinfulness. And on this 4th of July I'm likewise aware that in Jesus I'm forgiven. I'm washed. I'm risen to walk in newness of life!

In His freedom I have hope and I have purpose. I have work to accomplish, and not merely work that provides me comfort and entertainment til I age, sicken and die. Effort and labor that benefit only in this life is little better than the life of a cow or a pet gerbil.

Our Freedom to Press the Fight against Satan's Horde

Paul says that while once I was the servant of sin, now in Christ I'm the servant of righteousness. (Rom 6:16-22)

Think of yourself like a soldier (as Paul does in Philemon 2). When I'm a civilian I have certain freedoms, but the one freedom I don't have is to act as a soldier. I'm only free to act like a soldier when I've committed and been accepted into the army.

Being a soldier of Christ, baptized and added to His people, now I'm released to use my gifts, blessings and strengths to expand the Lord's kingdom!

I enjoy this freedom. You enjoy it. So while others in America are celebrating

America the beautiful, let's celebrate the expansion of the borders of Jesus' throne!

Together, we're soldiers helping to silence the enemy and the avenger! (Psalm 8:2)

Update

There's about to be a new congregation of the Lord's church in the great city of Bangalore!

Our office is located on the north-east side of the city. From a population of 746,000 in 1950 to it's current size of 12,760,000, it's one of the world's largest cities. New York has 8 million. Los Angeles has 4 while Chicago has 2.5 million.

In that city, our office manager, John Charles, is moving to a new house, one chosen specifically because it has a 3rd floor that will be dedicated to a new congregation in that neighborhood!

It's not enough to baptize people. We must build them into faithful, strong congregations. These congregations are the backbone of our work in India. So please join us in prayer for the success of this new work where millions of souls are waiting to hear the word of Jesus!



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