

Free Indeed

John 8:31-36

We Thank God that we Enjoy Certain Freedoms that Cannot be Taken Away or Denied.

Many Americans are Free Socially, but Bound Spiritually.

Jesus WANTS us to Know that HE ALONE can Permanently Remove the Shackles of Sin & make us TRULY FREE.

On a weekend when we Celebrate Freedom as Americans, let's Focus on the Freedom we Enjoy as Christians.

1. THE SOURCE OF OUR FREEDOM. (vv.32 & 36)

- TRUTH refers to "that which is TRUE in Respect to GOD AND HOW His Purposes are Fulfilled in JESUS."
- The TRUTH about GOD is Seen all around us. (Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-22)
- The TRUTH about JESUS is found in GOD'S Good News Message. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)
- The History of the Bible is HIS STORY!

2. THE SCOPE OF OUR FREEDOM. (v.36)

- The 1st "FREE" in v.36a Pictures someone being Liberated from the Bondage of Slavery.
- The 2nd "FREE" in v.36b refers freedom SO Complete that "it is as if we were NEVER slaves to Begin With."
- THANK GOD for Freedoms we enjoy in Jesus Christ!
(Romans 5:9; Romans 8:1; John 5:24; Romans 6:14; 1 Peter 5:8-9)
- The Deliverance & Freedoms we enjoy in Jesus are Absolute & Complete (Romans 8:2)

3. THE SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM.

- The Freedom we enjoy as Americans was NOT CHEAP.
- COUNTLESS were the Sacrifices of the American Revolution.
- While the Price for our National Freedom was Costly & Bloody, it Pales in comparison to the Cost of our Spiritual Freedom.
- The COST of our Spiritual Freedom was the DEATH of the Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 John 2:2; Isaiah 53:5-6)
- In Jesus Christ, there is Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of GODLINESS...