

TRUE FREEDOM

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GAL. 5:1 MSG

- 1.) On July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, PA, the Declaration of Independence was signed. The principles contained in the document proclaimed national and individual freedom from foreign tyranny and oppression. Much sacrifice was made to obtain this freedom, and many wars have been fought to preserve it.
- 2.) 2,000 years ago, a document was sealed in blood, not ink, containing principles that proclaimed the greatest of all freedoms. In Christ, believers have freedom from the tyranny and oppression of Satan and the law of sin and death.
 - A.) **ROM. 8:1-2** The higher law of life is greater than the lower law of death: gravity vs thrust and lift.
 - B.) **ROM. 5:12-19** One man's disobedience made all men sinners, and one man's obedience makes all men righteous.
 - C.) The first Adam enslaved us, the last Adam liberated us. Adam, in seeking a false freedom lost the true freedom. If it were not for Christ, everyone would still be a slave to sin and on a crash course with eternal destruction.
- 3.) **GAL. 5:1 MSG** – The reason Christ liberated us was for us to be free to serve God, not the devil, world, or flesh.
 - A.) We can be slaves to fear, guilt, worry, bad attitudes, sinful habits, alcohol, nicotine, drugs, greed, lust, pornography, anger, the list is endless.
 - B.) Just as a war was fought to liberate us nationally and individually, a war was fought to liberate us spiritually, emotionally, and physically.
 - C.) **HEB. 2:14-18 NLT** Jesus purchased our freedom with His own blood.
- 4.) What holds people in bondage?
 - A.) **IS. 5:13** People get enslaved for lack of knowledge.
 - B.) **JOHN 8:30-36** What is truth? God's Word is truth. Why stay chained and shackled if Christ has set us free?
- 5.) The Galatians were like the Israelites that wanted to go back to Egypt. The Israelites thought their lives were better in Egypt. They wanted the fish, cucumbers, melons, onions, and garlic.
 - A.) The Galatians allowed men among them to spread heresy. They were deceived into thinking they needed something more to earn freedom and salvation.
 - B.) Paul says they were bewitched (**GAL. 3:1**).
- 6.) In Christ, there's freedom from:
 - A.) The punishment of sin
 - B.) Eternal death.
 - C.) The past.
 - D.) The fear of the future.
 - E.) The powers of darkness.
 - F.) The dominion of sin and law of sin and death.
- 7.) We're not free:
 - A.) To sin. Freedom from sin doesn't mean free to sin.
 - B.) From responsibility, or accountability.
 - C.) To do our own thing.
 - D.) Ignore God's laws.

Conclusion: MT. 11:28-30 KJV, MSG Jesus wants us to live in the freedom He purchased for us with His own blood. Whatever the shackle, it's time to get free!