## Freedom



## Freedom...

It is one of the greatest longings of the human soul!



# Independence Day

On the 4th of July, Independence Day, we celebrate the birth of our nation and our independence from the tyrannical dictates of King George III, of England.



# Freedom is Costly!

The Declaration of Independence ends with these words:
"We Mutually Pledge To Each Other Our Lives, Our Fortunes, And Our Sacred Honor."

All fifty-six signers risked their lives and possessions

to obtain and protect the freedoms they believed to be the God-given unalienable rights of all people.



### Celebrate Freedom

Today we celebrate our freedom and the men and women who fought to gain it and preserve it.

We also honor today the women and men who serve our community so that we may continue to live free, peaceful, and orderly lives!



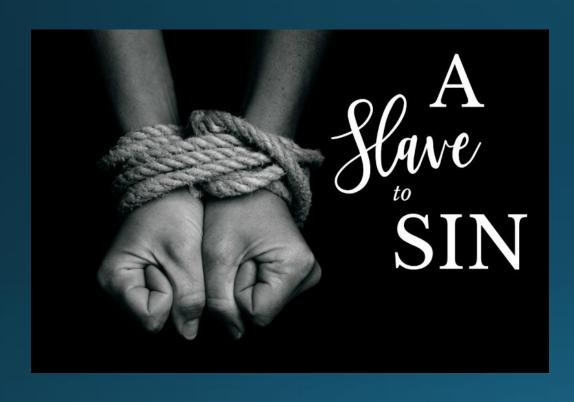
## Free Indeed

But we take a moment today to also remember that ultimate freedom comes from a personal relationship with God through the person of His son, Jesus Christ!

John 8:36 Whom the Son sets free is free indeed!



## Slavery to Sin



#### **Romans 6:16**

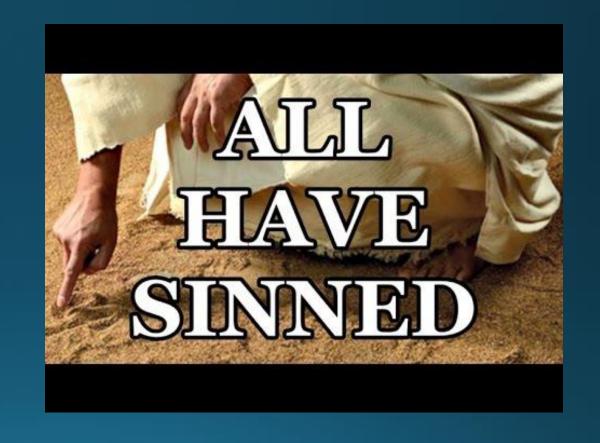
Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

### **All Have Sinned**

### Romans 3:23-24

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

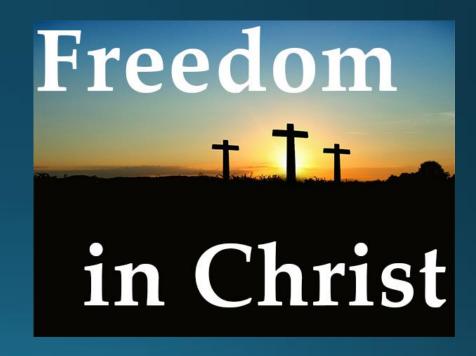
This is our greatest problem and the reason the cause of freedom is not yet finished.



## Freedom in Christ

John 8:36
So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

By surrendering our lives to Christ, we can be set free from the slavery to the dictates of sin.



### Free Indeed!

### **Romans 6:5-7**

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin.

