

Good morning, and Happy 4th of July weekend! Our big truth today is: Christ's sacrifice grants us ultimate freedom and empowers us to live in God's purpose.

The _____ for Freedom

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1, ESV).

- The Declaration of Independence was a bold statement by the American colonies proclaiming their desire to be free from British rule.
- Just as the American colonists yearned for freedom from tyranny, humanity has always yearned for freedom from the bondage of sin.

But we also have such an unfortunate temptation to return to oppressive habits, broken relationships, and as the bible says it

- “Like a dog that returns to his vomit is a fool who repeats his folly” (Proverbs 26:11, ESV).

The _____ of Freedom

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36, ESV).

- The freedom declared on July 4, 1776, had a price.
- Our freedom in Christ also came at a great price.
- Because Freedom isn't free, we have a responsibility to keep fighting for our freedom.

The _____ of Freedom

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13, ESV).

- Freedom is a privilege and an honor.

“By this we know love, that Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers” (1 John 3:16, ESV).

My Reflection:

1. In what ways do I realize the high price paid for my freedom? _____
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2. How can I help others to realize the freedom found in Christ? _____
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