

## **LET FREEDOM RING!**

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It's the 4<sup>th</sup> of July! Barbeque parties, pool parties and family gatherings about to start or are underway. The United States flag colors are the decorative backdrop everywhere you look. People love this holiday and best of all many enjoy closing the day's festivities with fireworks. The sound of the fireworks popping and the colors remind everyone it's Independence Day and it represents freedom. Being free to live your life and pursue your dreams is what American has been known for. There are many troops in our military prepared to defend that freedom. Freedom comes at the cost of

bloodshed and the loss of many lives that fought for us to have it. It should not be taken lightly or for granted.

The believer has freedom as well. We are free from being slaves to sin. This freedom was obtained through bloodshed. It was obtained at Calvary by Jesus. John 8:36 (NKJV) says, "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." We are not slaves any longer to the impulses and demands of sin in our life. Psalms 103:12 (KJV) reveals, "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." The good news is, whatever country one lives in, the freedom obtained through Jesus Christ is available to all who are willing to accept Him into their life. No one has to live as a slave to sin. The idea that I have to do wrong because I do not have the power to resist sin is removed from the table because of Calvary.

"Jesus paid a debt He did not owe and we owed a debt we could not pay. We needed someone to take our sins away." These words are from the hymn, "He Paid a Debt", a song we sing that celebrates our freedom. We should let freedom ring in our hearts everyday by praising God for our freedom. The fireworks of rejoicing in the God of our salvation should be manifest so we can attract others to Christ. We should let freedom ring throughout the world as there is room at the cross for many more to come and be set free like you and me!

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