

YE SHALL BE FREE INDEED

JOHN 8:31-36

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³⁶ If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Introduction:

As we celebrate America's Independence we need to be very thankful for our freedom and liberty.

The word liberty means: The condition if those who are free and independent; not confined, having rights.

I'm glad God allowed me to be born, grow up, live, and serve Him in America.

But there are some things about freedom we need to remember.

1. FREEDOMS PRICE

Someone has said that there is nothing free in life but salvation. Freedom had and continues to have a great price tag.

A. Country's Freedom

1. Revolutionary War
2. Civil War
 - a. 618,222 were killed
 - b. 400,175 were wounded
3. WWI
 - a. 50,585 US soldiers were killed
 - b. 205,690 were wounded
4. WWII
 - a. 292,000 soldiers were killed
5. Korean
 - a. 125,000 were killed or wounded.
6. Vietnam
 - a. 58,000 were killed.

America's freedom and liberty has a great price tag.

B. Christian's Freedom

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame.

1. Abused Him

Matthew 26:67

⁶⁷ Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands,

2. Scourged Him

3. Mocked Him

4. Stripped Him

5. Made Him carry His cross

6. Crowned Him with thorns

7. Nailed His Feet and Hands to the cross

8. Dropped the cross in the ground, causing his joints to come out of socket.

9. Gave Him vinegar to drink.

10. Pierced His side with a spear.

Isaiah 53:2

²For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him.

The Christian's freedom and liberty has a great price tag.

Notice in paying the price many men died for our nation, while One Man died for all nations.

2. FREEDOMS PROBLEM

A. Country's

1. Rights

a. Women's right

- 1. Has resulted in abortion

b. Religious rights

- 1. Has led to no prayer and Bibles in school.

c. Right to bear arms

- 1. Many school children lost their lives this year in school.

B. Christian's

1. Eternal salvation and everlasting life

1 Corinthians 8:9

⁹ But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.

Romans 14:13

¹³ Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

a. This liberty is not to satisfy our flesh.

Galatians 5:13

¹³ For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

Freedom is like a coin. It has the word privilege on one side and responsibility on the other. It does not have privilege on both sides. There are too many today who want everything involved in privilege but refuse to accept anything that approaches the sense of responsibility.

3. FREEDOMS PURPOSE

A. Country's

1. Was sought to become free of a government run church.
2. Was sought to be free of taxation with no representation.

Both of which we have little of today.

B. Christian's

1. Saved to serve.

Romans 6:18

¹⁸ Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

Romans 6:22

²² But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

Galatians 5:13

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2. Sitting after salvation, shows our ingratitude.

Close:

How can we sit when men gave their lives for our freedom of religion? How can we sit and not speak of the freedom that Christ offers all men after the price that He paid?

How can we use our rights wrongfully when it takes away the rights of others after men gave their lives for these rights? How can we try to satisfy our flesh with the liberty given to the Christian after Christ said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

The problem is that the most have not paid the price tag for these freedoms we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America, and the freedom and liberty that is given to every Christian cost them nothing.

But never forget that freedom has a great price and that Salvation is free but it never came cheap.