

**July 3/4, 2010
Let Freedom Sing**

As Americans, we have lots to sing about this weekend. We live in one of the freest nations in the world where we can freely pursue life, liberty and personal happiness.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

– Declaration of Independence

Psalm 33:12a – "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

This kind of freedom is priceless and was preserved at great cost for us by the great sacrifice of others. We cherish their sacrifice by living for the values our nation were founded on and some of them died for.

1) Our normal everyday life is lived in freedom. But freedom has never been free. There is personal sacrifice and the ultimate sacrifice of a life from those who never knew us. *John 15:13*

2) Our freedom gift has really come from Godly values, that by His grace have protected and motivated others on our behalf. *Psalm 127:1*

3) Our only response can be a prayer of thanksgiving to God. *2 Chronicles 7:14*

OUR PRAYER: *Dear God, we thank You for this wonderful land of the free. We humble ourselves and repent of not always appreciating what we have been given in trust by You. We ask for You to give grace, strength, comfort and protection to those who serve us and especially to those families that have lost a loved one for the keeping of our freedom.*

The freest people in the world are believers in Jesus Christ who are walking in His truth about their life. *John 8:36; John 8:31b-32*

In Christ we are FREE! Let's quickly count some of our great freedoms in Christ: As we experience the power of Jesus in our lives, He sets us free...

1) Free from power of guilt and condemnation over past sins. *Psalm 32:1-2; Colossians 2:13*

2) Free from the power of sin. Sin brings darkness – Jesus is light. *John 8:12; Romans 8:2*

3) Free from the power of Satan's control; you had the illusion of control from time to time – but really – you were trapped by a tyrant. *1 John 4:4; Colossians 1:13*

4) Free from the fear of death. *Romans 8:38; Phil 1:20b-22a*

5) Free from fear of God's wrath. *Romans 5:9; Col 3:1-3,5a,10*

6) Free from fear of being at risk and on our own. *Romans 8:32*

He has put a new song in our mouth, a song of freedom, victory, and hope. Faith in Him keeps us singing even when life in America is hard. *Psalm 103:1-5*

Do you know Christ's ultimate freedom this 4th of July? Are you singing from the freedom only He can give?