

# ***FREEDOM IN CHRIST: THE LIBERATED LIFE***

## **GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST**

*Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (July 7, 2013)*

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**Text: John 8:31-32**

Introduction: This past week we celebrated Independence Day (July 4<sup>th</sup>). It is a special day when we can celebrate our independence as a nation. In the year 1776 the Declaration of Independence was signed by the founders of this nation, with the final signatures taking place on July 4. It is also a day when we celebrate our freedom and personal rights..... which cost many people their lives to establish and defend. This often causes me to think about the freedom we have in Jesus Christ. There are at least five things we can see in the Scriptures about our freedom in Christ. Let's study them together.....

Discussion:

### ***I. Christians Are Free From Sin***

John 8:31-32, Romans 6:7, 18, 22, Romans 8:1, John 3:16

### ***II. Christians Are Free From Death***

Acts 2:24, I Corinthians 15:55, John 14:1-4, Romans 8:38-39, Psalm 116:15

### ***III. Christians Are Free From The Law***

Romans 8:2, Galatians 5:1, Acts 15:10, I John 3:4, John 8:34-36,  
Romans 6:16-20, Colossians 2:14

### ***IV. Christians Are Free From Traditions***

Matthew 17:24-27, Exodus 30:11-16, II Chronicles 24:4-9, Isaiah 29:13,  
Galatians 1:14, Matthew 15:7-9, John 8:31-32

### ***V. Christians Are Free From Ignorance***

I John 3:4, Titus 1:1, James 1:1, II Peter 1:1, Romans 6:18, Hebrews 5:9,  
I Peter 2:21, I Peter 5:5, Galatians 5:13-14, Acts 17:30

Conclusion: On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry said that famous line "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!" In Christ we have liberty BECAUSE of His death. Praise God for it! Galatians 5:1 says, "*Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.*" Once we have been freed, why would we return to a life of sin? Freedom is something we all need and it comes in many forms. Are you ready to live the liberated life? Are you ready to experience true freedom?