

FREEDOM Week 1 “Independence to Be In-Dependence”

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Today is Independence Day! Today we celebrate our freedom to live in a free country. We realize this freedom wasn't free and came at a high cost, therefore we don't want to take our freedom for granted. That's why it's good that we take a day to celebrate America as a free country.

But did you know that you can live in a free country and not be free?

Or you can live in country not known for freedom and be free?

You can live in a prison and know true freedom, or you can walk about without hinderance and not be free at all.

I'm talking about Freedom that is only found in Christ Jesus. True freedom from the bondage of sin.

John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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We live in an independent nation and we are an independent people.

But what we must realize today is that because of the work that Christ has done on the cross and the work that Christ has done throughout history to bring us to this point, we are:

Independent to be Dependent.

My independence has allowed me to learn quite quickly that I am In-dependence on God!

I Can Do All Things Through Christ

The Apostle Paul realized that his dependence in Christ Jesus was the key.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Paul didn't operate or minister in his own strength and dependence. That wasn't enough.

Paul was Dependent on Jesus! Independence To Be In-Dependence

Independent to be In-Dependent.

Independent of Jesus, We Can Do Nothing

John 15:1-4 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:5 “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

I'm dependent on God. Are you?

To be a man of God I'm in-dependence.

To be a good husband. I'm in-dependence.

To be a good Father. I'm in-dependence.

To be a good Pastor I'm in-dependence.

To fulfill my purpose in life. I'm in-dependence.

To bear Kingdom Fruit I'm in-dependence.

To will the lost. I'm in-dependence.

What about you? To be a Godly Nation. I'm in-dependence.

I need Jesus, how about you?