

FREEDOM Week 1 Independence to Be In-Dependence Believers Statesboro 07-04-21

Today is Independence Day! Today we celebrate our freedom to live in a free country.
And today we celebrate our true freedom from the bondage of sin.
John 8:36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Independence To Be In-Dependence

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. Dependent on Christ Jesus.

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 / 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 Godly Nation, we must be in-dependence on Christ Jesus and his enabling power.

Summer Life Groups

*Summer Life Groups begin this week and four of those Life Groups will be Life App Groups.
Join one and discuss the questions below.*

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. What is your most memorable 4th of July celebration? What July 4th family traditions did you grow up with? What July 4th family traditions do you have now?
2. In your own words, define "freedom".
3. What two freedoms do we celebrate as Americans and followers of Christ Jesus?
4. Were these two freedoms free or did they both come with a high cost?
5. What did Pastor Scott mean by Independent to be in-dependence?
6. Does the Apostle Paul teach that we can do all things? Or is there a condition that allows us to be able to accomplish all things?
7. What does John 15:1-5 teach us about dependence on Jesus?
8. Can you give an example of being dependent on Jesus?
9. What areas do you struggle letting go of? Something that you keep trying to accomplish with your own ability and dependence on your own gifts, talents, wisdom, or know how?
10. How do you personally shift your dependence from yourself to a dependence on Christ Jesus?