

July 2, 2023

Let Freedom Ring

Pastor Brian Greenleaf



Genesis 2:15-17, Psalm 33:12-22

God's design for freedom

1. Freedom is _____ (It is _____)
2. Freedom has _____
3. Freedom without boundaries is _____
4. Freedom demands _____

"The framers of our Constistution meant we were to have freedom of religion, not freedom from religion." ~ Billy Graham

"Either sin is with you, lying on your shoulders, or it is lying on Christ, the Lamb of God. Now if it is lying on your back, you are lost; but if it is resting on Christ, you are free, and you will be saved. Now choose what you want." ~ Martin Luther

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Sermon Talks

1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
2. What do you like most about July 4th? Are there any traditions that you look forward to during this holiday?
3. How would you define freedom? What does it mean to you?
4. Most people want to be free so that they can do whatever they want. Is that really freedom? Where does that lead?
5. God first introduced freedom to mankind in the Garden of Eden.
 - What were His parameters?
 - What were the consequences for Adam and Eve if they went outside of those parameters?
 - List some examples of ways that our culture has violated freedoms that God has put in place.
6. Pastor Brian shared several quotes from some of our founding fathers.
 - What do these quotes say about the relationship between the founding of our nation and the Lord?
7. Read John 8:31-36. What are examples of things you can be freed from by knowing Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

Do you know Jesus as your Savior and Lord? Do you know that if you were to die today you would be in Heaven with Him for eternity? If you answered "no" to these questions, you can have the assurance of eternal life (1 John 5:13). You can be sure and know that your sins are forgiven and you are freed from the stronghold Satan has on you (1 John 1:9). Romans 10:9 says, "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Would you consider praying and asking Jesus into your life? Here is an example prayer you can pray:

Lord Jesus, I confess my sins and ask for your forgiveness. Please come into my heart as my Savior and Lord. Take complete control of my life and help me to walk in Your footsteps daily by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you Lord for saving me and for answering my prayer.

If you prayed that prayer today, we are incredibly excited for you. We have a booklet that we would like to give you to help you in this new journey with Jesus. Please get one at the Connect Center or contact our office and we will mail one to you.