

## Are You Completely Free?

**John 8:36** “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” **Galatians 5:1** “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.”

This weekend, we are celebrating the hand of God in history and praising God for His goodness and mercy on our nation. Do you have genuine patriotism? It's far more than just nationalism or “good-ol-boy” civic pride. Genuine Patriotism = Godly Patriotism! It gives glory to God for this great nation. But dedication must follow celebration. A former Governor of Illinois “Adler” Stevenson said, “*Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime.*”

Friend, God's word is Truth is what sets us free from the bondage and sorrows of sin, and truth is what keeps us free. **Psalm 25:5**, “Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day.” **Psalm 40:11**, “Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD: let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.” **Psalm 51:6**, “Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.”

Our nation has gotten away from the Truth of Jesus Christ and His Word. One result = financial bondage... A Senator addressed his peers with this stunning analysis: “*I fear for our nation. Nearly half of our people receive some form of government subsidy. We have grown weak from too much affluence and too little adversity. I fear that soon we will not be able to defend our country from our sure and certain enemies. We have debased our currency to the point that even the most loyal citizen no longer trusts it.*” It sounds like an analysis of our nation today, but it isn't. It is from an address by a Roman senator in A.D. 63.

Our national debt is above the 14 trillion dollar mark. \* A million dollars in tightly bound \$1,000 bills would produce a stack four inches high. \* A billion dollars in tightly bound \$1,000 bills would produce a stack about three hundred feet high. \* A trillion dollars in tightly bound \$1,000 bills would produce a stack nearly sixty-three miles high! 63 times 14 = 882 miles high.

With a lack of truth and a decline in finances... a person cries out for hope for this great land of ours... Let's talk about how Christ gives LIBERTY! By Definition: It is the condition of being physically and legally free from confinement, servitude, or forced labor or from unjust or undue governmental control. Regardless of the declining condition of America, A Christian American enjoys eternal freedom... Because Christ has made him FREE... Think of His Authority this morning...

### I. He Has Authority Over Our Environment

- A. **The Whirlwind And The Storm Obey His Voice.** **Nahum 1:3-4**, “The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers...”
1. He can sleep in the middle of a storm – **Matt. 8:24**, “And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.”
  2. He can calm the storm – **Matt. 8:25-27**, “And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!”
  3. He can walk the sea in a storm – **Matt. 14:25**, “And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.” **VIP: He can protect you through the storm.**

### II. He Has Authority Over Satan And Demons.

- A. **The Demons Must Obey Him** – **Matthew 8:16**, “When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:” **Mark 1:34**, “And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and

suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.” **Mark 1:39**, “And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.” **Luke 8:30-31**, “And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And they besought him that he would not command them to go out into the deep.”

**B. Satan Himself, Must Obey Him – Colossians 2:15**, “And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.” **Revelation 12:9-10**, “And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.”

**III. He Has Authority Over Our Health – Matthew 10:1**, “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”

**A. He Can Withhold Or Send Disease – Deut. 7:15** “And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all them that hate thee.”

1. **Psalms 38** – David would not confess and was made sick
2. **II Cor. 12** – Paul was obedient and was made sick

**B. He Can Heal Any And All Diseases – Matt. 9:35** “And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”

**IV. He Has Authority Over Our Personal Lives – John 17:1-2**, “These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.”

**A. He Has Authority To Judge Us – John 5:26-27**, “For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man.”

**B. He Has Authority To Forgive Sins – Matthew 9:6-8**, “But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and departed to his house. But when the multitudes saw it, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.”

**C. He Has Authority To Cast Into Hell – Luke 12:5**, “But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.”