



- Today is Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July.
- But, did you know that for the believer there is an even greater Independence Day? This is the day when Jesus Christ took our _____ upon Himself on the cross and paid for them in full. This is the believer's Independence Day.
- Every believer should celebrate our spiritual Independence Day. This is what the book of Galatians is all about.
- Why was Paul so adamant about celebrating and living in our liberty in Christ?

First, our Independence Day means freedom from our _____.

- Christ *"gave himself for our sins."*
 - ⇒ His sacrifice was voluntary. John 10:18
 - ⇒ His sacrifice was given out of _____. Galatians 2:20
- God came to earth and paid our sin _____ for us on the cross.

Second, our Independence Day means freedom from the _____.

- There were religious teachers that were teaching believers that in order to **stay** saved, they must keep the Old Testament law system.

- This law consisted of over _____ commands.
- This is why Peter (Acts 15:10) and Paul (Galatians 5:1) both called the law a “*yoke of bondage*.”
- But Jesus Christ kept the law fully, and the Bible says that Christ then _____ it to the cross.
- We have been set free from the law, and now walk with God on the basis of our _____ relationship with Jesus Christ. 2:19, 3:13, 24-25
- We have been given something better than the law. We have been given God's very _____ to indwell us. 4:6, 5:18

Third, our Independence Day means freedom from fleshly _____.

- *“And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.” 2 Corinthians 5:15*
- No longer do I have to live in bondage to my own _____ desires.
- I have been set free. I can walk in the Spirit. 5:25
- I can now live a different way. Now, my life can be characterized by the _____ listed in 5:22-23.

Liberty was won for us 2,000 years ago on the cross of Jesus Christ.

You must make a decision whether or not to walk in that freedom or to allow Satan to bring you into _____.