

7 Days of Freedom, Day 2: Liberty



18 *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me*

To preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,

To proclaim liberty to the captive, and recovery of sight to the blind,

To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD.

Luke 4:18-19

Liberty [lib-er-tee] Noun

1. freedom from captivity, confinement, or physical restraint
2. freedom or right to frequent or use a place
3. freedom from arbitrary or despotic government or control

The Greek transliterations for **liberty** is *aphesis*. In the Greek, *aphesis* means "release from bondage or imprisonment; forgiveness or pardon, of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed), remission of the penalty." Did you notice the part in the parenthesis? God lets go our sins as if they had never been committed. Why does He allow this? Our sins have already been paid in full at the cross. According

to the Dictionary.com definition, **liberty** means we have the “right to frequent or use a place.” Because of the cross, we have the **liberty** to *frequent* the throne of grace and boldly ask God to meet our needs.

The cry of the American patriot Patrick Henry, in the face of the American Revolution was, “Give me **liberty**, or give me death!” How prophetic. As Christians we have the same options: **liberty** or death. We choose.

Christ sets us free from sin so we have the **liberty** not to live for self (we already tried that once), but for Him. We have **liberty** to do good works, serve others, and take the Gospel of freedom to every nation on earth.

As we draw near to Independence Day, remember to thank God for not only for the **liberty** of our nation, but of our souls as well.

Action Points:

1. What is something you need to be set free from?
2. Who needs to hear about the liberty we have in Christ?
How can you share the Gospel with this person?
3. Pray for nations that are closed to the Gospel. To see a list of countries in need of prayer, please click on the following link: [Closed Countries](#)

Please enjoy the music below.

God Bless America.

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