

# Freedom

## (Galatians 5:1)

Freedom has become synonymous with America. It is one of the great treasures that comes with being a citizen of this country. Our freedom was not gifted to us by politicians. Instead, it was given to us by God (James 1:17). God is the giver of every good thing!

Do you value your freedom? If so, how much?

In a couple of days we will celebrate our independence as a nation. That being the case, let's use this study to talk about the freedom we enjoy, living in the greatest country in the world.

### I. Freedom in America...

A. Is a great  **blessing** .

1. The people of Israel at the beginning of Exodus did not have this (Exodus 1:7-14).
2. Because of the color of their skin, many people in this country in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries did not have this.
3. Thank God, we all have this blessing today! Today, we all can pursue our dreams, choose our spouse, and go wherever we desire. Today, we have religious freedom. We can gather for worship and teach the gospel freely. The early Christians would have loved to have had this privilege (Acts 14:19; 17:5-9).

B. Came at a great  **cost** .

1. Many people throughout the decades have sacrificed their lives so we can have our freedom today.
2. The liberties we enjoy in this country cost the lives of so many brave people.

C. Comes with great  **responsibility** .

1. We have the freedom to worship, but do we take advantage of it?
2. We have the freedom to promote the gospel, but do we take advantage of it? See Matthew 28:19; Luke 12:48.

### II. Freedom in Christ...

A. Sets one free from an even worse  **master** .

1. The slave master of  **sin** . See Romans 3:23; 6:15-18, 20-22.
2. Sin is a cruel and oppressive master.
  - a. Sin  **separates**  us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2).
  - b. Sin makes us  **enemies**  of God (Romans 5:10).
  - c. Sin spiritually  **kills**  us (Ephesians 2:1).
  - d. Sin leads us to  **death**  (Romans 6:23).

B. Came as a result of a greater  **sacrifice** .

1. The death of Jesus (Galatians 5:1; Romans 5:6-10).
2. His sacrifice was greater because He left heaven and lived a perfect life!

C. Comes with greater  **responsibilities** .

1. The willingness to be  **all in**  (Romans 12:1-21).
2. No longer can we live for ourselves. Instead we must live for Jesus (Romans 6:22).

**Conclusion:** Have you chosen to be spiritually free? If not, it's time to obey the truth and become free today (John 8:32; James 1:25).