

The Truth That Leads to Freedom

John 8:31-36



United States of America Celebrated her 238th Birthday

America is a unique country

Border issues

People typically want to leave countries borders

Our border problem: so many want to come

Freedom House Monitors freedom

Free: enable citizens to enjoy civil liberties and personal freedoms

90 nations; 40% of world population considered free

56 nations; 30% of world population considered partly free

45 nations; 23% of world population considered not free: under oppressed regimes

Freedoms in the U.S.A.

North Korea is the least free of all oppressed regimes

Freedoms in the U.S.A.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Declaration of Independence

Freedom in the U.S.A.

Alexis de Tocqueville “"America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.”

The Four fundamental freedoms, as outlined by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in his State of the Union address on June 6, 1941

1-Freedom of speech 2-Freedom of religion 3-Freedom from want 4- Freedom from fear

In John 8, Jesus outlines three fundamental freedoms

1-Freedom from spiritual ignorance 2-Freedom from sin 3-Freedom from death

John 8:31-32

“If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly disciples of Mine; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”

Jesus offers three fundamental freedoms

I. Freedom from Spiritual Ignorance (vv. 30-32)

Know the truth

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son"
(Hebrews 1:1-2)

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True liberty comes from having fundamental questions answered

1. Who am I?

2. Why am I here?

3. What happens after death?

4. When I die, where will I go?

5. Is there anything else?

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II. Freedom from Sin (vv. 33-36)

8 times the Jews were in bondage to another nation

There were free only two times

1-Under Moses and the monarchy

2-Maccabeus

(between Old and New Testaments)

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II. Freedom from Sin (vv. 33-36)

Freedom from bondage to, control of, and domination of sin

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (v. 32)

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Great universities include as motto or on their seals

Portray to mean academic knowledge

Every text has a context

Take a text out of context and you have a pretext, a false premise

Jesus offers three fundamental freedoms

III. Freedom from death

"If anyone keeps My word he shall never see death"

John 8:51

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live."

(John 11:25)

Applying today's message

III. Freedom from death

In New York Harbor, the Statue of Liberty welcomes immigrants: "*Give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free*"—"The New Colossus" by

Emma Lazarus

People long for civil and personal freedom

Glad for our country and our freedom

Applying today's message

III. Freedom from death

Celebrate that we know God personally
because Jesus died on the cross and rose from
the dead

Not good to celebrate freedom on the way to
hell: Make this your spiritual 4th of July