"Freedom Reigns" July 2, 2017

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

The celebration of our nation's birthday is really a celebration of freedom.

"The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." (Thomas Jefferson, November 13, 1787)

Jesus came in order to bring us freedom from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2 "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

John 8:34-36 "Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery" Galatians 5:1 (NIV).

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

James 1:25 "But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."

- The perfect law of liberty is the Gospel rule of life as shown in the Sermon on the Mount.
- By the Spirit of the Lord we are free from the bondage of sin.
- Continue in the perfect law of liberty by living according to the beatitudes.
- Be more than a hearer of the word by putting God's Word into action in your life.

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Romans 5:17-19 "(...For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one

man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."