

## **Our Declaration Of Independence Romans 7:1-4**

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1. Last week we celebrated the birthday of our nation & the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.
2. Every Sunday we come together to celebrate our own personal declaration of independence.
  - a. Just as we need to be reminded of the blessings of living in a great nation, we also need to be reminded of the solemn warning that God gave to another nation which was experiencing the thrill of independence after centuries of slavery in Egypt. **(Deut. 8:7-14)**
3. In America today we have replaced a dependence on God with a greater reliance on success, status, and security. These are followed closely by self-indulgence, comfort and pleasure.
4. Today we will be studying Romans chapter 7 through 8:1-4. Paul writes what could be called a Christian's Declaration of Independence. In these verses Paul declares that in Christ we have been set free from three things.

1. We Have Freedom From The Law. Romans 1: 1-6
  1. Paul in these verses is teaching the Jewish Christians an important lesson.
  2. How does this truth apply to us?
2. We Have Freedom From The Power Of Sin. Romans 7:14-25
  1. What is the power of sin?
  2. How are frustrated by the power of sin?
  3. Who will recuse us?
3. We Have Freedom From Condemnation. Romans 8:1-4
  1. What is condemnation?
  2. How are we set free?
    1. In Paul's letter to Titus he tells us that we have been set free from the bondage of sin. **"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope-the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good."** Titus 2:11-14
  3. Our society doesn't even have a clue to what freedom is.