

Celebrating Our Independence Day
Romans 8:1-4

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1. Tomorrow, on the 4th of July, many will take some time to celebrate our nation's centenary.
 - a. The celebration of our nation's birthday each year is really a celebration of freedom.
 - b. The ideal of freedom is an ideal that our founding fathers believed valuable enough to risk everything. They risked their fortunes, their families, their reputations, and their honor. They risked their very lives and many of them paid for our freedom with their blood and the blood of their children.
2. The blood spilled on many of our nation's battlefields was not the first time blood was spilled for freedom.
 - a. Jesus came in order to bring us freedom from a host of human maladies. As Christians, we believe that Jesus is the Son of God. **John 8:34-36** says **"Jesus replied, 'I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.'"**
 - b. Today we'll explore just three of the ways that Jesus sets us free if we will only have the faith to believe and obey him.

I. We Have Freedom From The Law. (Romans 7:1-6)

- A. Paul is teaching the Jewish Christians an important lesson.
- B. How does this truth apply to us?
 1. **James 2:10**

II. We Have Freedom From The Flesh. (7:14-25)

- A. Paul addresses his own frustration with the flesh?
 1. **Romans 7:15-17**
- B. The next question is how are we frustrated?
- C. Who will rescue us?

III. We Have Freedom From Condemnation. (Romans 8:1-4)

- A. The word actually means "the result of judgment."
 1. **Romans 6:3**
- B. We have freedom from guilt.
- C. We have freedom from the consequences of sin.
 1. **Romans 6:23**
- D. We have freedom from accusation.
 1. **Colossians 1:22**