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Let Freedom Ring

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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

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. - Biblical liberty frees us from the power and guilt of sin. Christ has set us free so that we can be truly free. The focus here is on inner rather than external freedom.

Stand firm, then, - Determine to remain free as those who have been set free. As you do, stand strong against the things that are able to bind your heart.

And do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. - Don't be ensnared, as in previous times, by becoming slaves to any rites, customs, or habits that used to control your heart outside of Christ.

The Progression of Freedom Moves from the Individual to the Culture

Freedom does not start in the culture. It starts in the hearts of individuals. It is only when people's hearts have become free that it is even possible for there to be freedom in society.

What Personal Freedom Is Not

Freedom does not relate merely to situations where an individual is not the property of another, or to the ability to express personal indulgence or license. It is not simply the living of life without accountability. It is very possible for people to be free outwardly yet slaves inwardly – which is no freedom at all.

What Freedom Involves

Ultimately, freedom begins with the putting aside of personal sin (the root of internal bondage). From there it moves out into the life of the individual and is expressed as freedom of conscience. Then finally, when enough of the citizenry know personal freedom, it is able to extend into society to create freedom from outward oppression (the ability of all citizens to freely seek their own opportunities – the freedom to succeed and to fail).

True freedom begins when the human heart meets Christ. This is the beginning point of the inner freedom which becomes the seed of societal freedom. The power of Christ in individuals is what allows them to break free from the bondage of sin. Then, when that mindset dominates a culture it creates a supporting moral environment which allows societal freedom to exist. In this season when we celebrate our nation's freedom, it is this outcome that every leader should seek to create.



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