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The Cost Of Our Freedom

John Quincy Adams, our sixth president stated: "I am well aware of the Toil and Blood and Treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this Declaration, and support and defend these States." The cost of our nation's freedom was clearly on the minds of the great men who founded our nation.

In Philadelphia on June 7, 1776, in a session in the Pennsylvania State House (later Independence Hall), the Continental Congress heard Richard Henry Lee of Virginia read his resolution beginning: "Resolved: That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved."

As we reflect on our nation's freedom, let us be thankful for the wonderful privileges it affords us. "Finally, let us not forget the religious character of our origin. Our fathers were brought hither by their high veneration for the Christian religion. They journeyed by its light, and labored in its hope. They sought to incorporate its principles with

the elements of their society, and to diffuse its influence through all their institutions, civil, political, or literary" (Daniel Webster. America's God and Country, p. 669).

The cost of our spiritual freedom is found in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our sins. "For freedom did Christ set us free" (Galatians 5:1 ASV). "So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free... So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:31-32, 36).

In what ways are we free as Christians?

1. Free from sin. "But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, 18and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness" (Romans 6:17-18).

2. Free from the fear of death. "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he

might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (Hebrews 2:14-15).

3. Free from the condemnation of the law. "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit" (Romans 8:2-4).

Let us not take our freedom for granted: in our nation or in our Savior!

Steve Miller

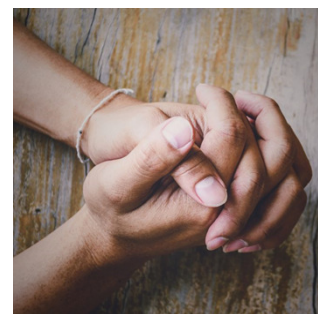
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Prayers & Updates

- * Shirley Jeffers had an outpatient procedure hoped to help relieve her back pain.
- * Francis Wade has been dealing with vertigo again.
- * We are thankful that both Mary Carter and Roy Jeffers have been able to be out with us.
- * Betty Baker continues to be tested.
- * Les Cole has a benign tumor on his neck.
- * Trish Ridenour's father suffered a heart attack and had a stent placed and is doing well.
- * Amber Williamson's mother had a procedure to correct a heart issue.
- * Keep the parents of Brian Buchanan, Robert Langford in your prayers. Also, Hampton Hager's mother, and Len Patterson's mother.
- * Remember Keith Franklin's sister; Tan Franklin. She is awaiting surgery.
- * Lynda Ott's brother -in-law is dealing with back pain due to some 'nodules' that have been discovered.
- * Leila Washington's nephew is struggling with some things.
- * William Ireland requests prayers for the Curry family in Texas; they are dealing with the Corona virus.
- * Jim Passmore's cousin, Marty Dolan has been diagnosed with lung cancer.



Online Study, Prayer, & Worship

⇒ Livestream Worship

Each Sunday morning at 10:30 am.
 Livestream at: [Youtube.com/user/goldhillchurch](https://www.youtube.com/user/goldhillchurch).

⇒ Children's Bible Class

Sunday's with Emily Hatfield.
[Youtube.com/user/goldhillchurch](https://www.youtube.com/user/goldhillchurch).

⇒ Lunchtime Prayer

Tuesday's at noon with Keith Franklin via our Gold Hill Facebook page. Prayer requests are made through the comments in the live video.

⇒ Wednesday Bible Study

Our Summer Series Bible class will resume for adults on **Wednesday, July 1** in the auditorium. Our theme is: *"Crucial Questions from the Bible"*

For those who are uncomfortable getting out yet, the Summer Series is available via livestream:
[Youtube.com/user/goldhillchurch](https://www.youtube.com/user/goldhillchurch).

⇒ Summer Series Schedule

7.8 Clay Batts *"Am I my brother's keeper?"*
 Genesis 4:9

7.15 Tommie Washington *"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"*
 Luke 6:46

7.22 Glen Hawkins *"By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"* Matthew 21:23

7.29 William Ireland *"Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet?"* Amos 3:3

8.5 Gilbert Shelton *"What does the Lord your God require of you?"* Deuteronomy 10:12; Micah 6:8

8.12 Tony Zeiss *"Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?"* Matthew 16:26

8.19 Bob Mantie *"Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?"* Galatians 4:16

8.26 Matt Ibbetson; *"What Must I do to be saved?"* Acts 16:30

⇒ Children's Bible Class

Classes for children, 5th grade and under, will resume **Wednesday, July 8**. Classes will be VBS-style, and will be significantly amended to accommodate proper distancing and a safe learning environment. See Matt Ibbetson or Hampton Hagar for more information. Children are welcome to sit in the auditorium with their parents.

⇒ Summer Youth Series

The youth group, 6th grade and up, will continue Summer Youth Series offsite. This is set up where parents could drop off their young people at the devo, then come to the building for their adult class, with plenty of time to go pick up when the devo is concluded. This week we meet at The Stewarts's Home – Food, Fun, and Fellowship. 6 – 9 PM
For questions regarding our live stream or technical issues you are experiencing, please contact Tommie Washington: 980-939-3130