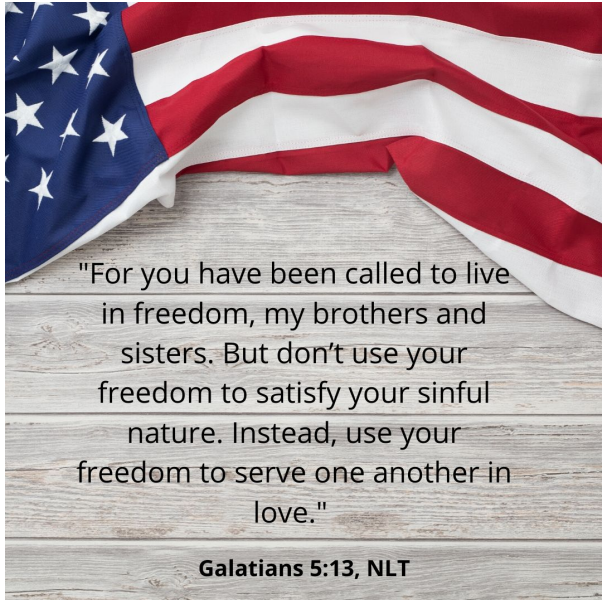


THE SALVATION SPECTRUM

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Galatians 5:13-14 AMP, "13 For you, my brothers, were called to **FREEDOM**; only do not let your **FREEDOM** become an opportunity for the sinful nature (worldliness, selfishness), but through love serve and seek the best for one another. 14 For the whole Law [concerning human relationships] is fulfilled in one precept, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself [that is, you shall have an unselfish concern for others and do things for their benefit]."

TPT, "13 Beloved ones, God has called us to live a life of **FREEDOM**. But don't view this wonderful **FREEDOM** as an excuse to set up a base of operations in the natural realm. Constantly love each other and be committed to serve one another. 14 For all the law can be summarized in one grand statement: "Demonstrate love to your neighbor, even as you care for and love yourself."

MSG, "13-14 It is absolutely clear that God has called you to a free life. Just make sure that you don't use this **FREEDOM** as an excuse to do whatever you want to do and destroy your **FREEDOM**. Rather, use your **FREEDOM** to serve one another in love; that's how **FREEDOM** grows. For everything we know about God's Word is summed up in a single sentence: Love others as you love yourself. That's an act of true **FREEDOM**."

Let's talk about walking in **FREEDOM** this month of July as we celebrate our nation's Independence Day. On July 4, 1776 the Declaration of

Independence was signed by our Founding Fathers. They were declaring their independence, their **FREEDOM**, from the tyranny of Great Britain and created one nation under God with liberty and justice for all.

While the Founding Fathers may have been the authors of the Declaration of Independence for our United States of America, Jesus Christ, God-incarnate, came and walked this earth more than 2,000 years ago as the author and finisher of our faith. He came to **FREE** the world from all oppression and to walk in the **FREEDOM** given to Him by His Heavenly Father. The Apostle Paul wrote to the church in Galatia reminding them that their faith in Jesus was far better than the legalism of any religion or false teaching. Jesus came to set the captives **FREE**, not to keep them in bondage or put them back into bondage again. It poses a question to each Believer in Christ, "Now, that you've been set **FREE**, what are you going to do with your **FREEDOM**?"

When we belong to Christ, we are **FREE** to obey Him joyfully!!! In other words, we count it all joy when we're persecuted for His namesake!!! Jesus told us in Matthew 5:11-12 that we are blessed when others criticize and persecute us for His sake. We are to rejoice and be exceedingly glad because great is our reward in Heaven. As Christians, we are NOT boxed in by rules, regulations or man-made traditions but set **FREE** by the Power of Holy Spirit!!! And in order to preserve our **FREEDOM**, we must stay close to Jesus and resist everything that contradicts the truth of His Word regarding salvation. There is nothing that we can do on our own to earn salvation. Jesus, and only Jesus, paid the ultimate price for each one of us at the cross at Calvary. We are saved by grace through faith, not of ourselves, it is God's gift, so that no one can boast. (Eph 2:8-9)

The Apostle Paul makes it very clear to the Galatians, and to us as well, that there is a big difference between the **FREEDOM** to sin and the **FREEDOM** to serve. If we think that we are **FREE** to sin, there is NO **FREEDOM**, because sin makes us a slave to satan, to others, or to our own sinful nature. In other words, we get so caught up in our sin that we can't think or do anything else (i.e., drugs, drinking, smoking, shopping, eating, etc.) And yes, we can become shop-a-holics or over-eaters if we're not careful. But when we are in Christ, walking with Him daily, we are NOT slaves to sin!!! Our true **FREEDOM** is the Spirit-given desire to do what is right before God and to glorify Him through loving and serving others. Jesus commanded us to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbor as ourself (Luke 10:27). But of course, we all have **FREE** will!!!! Nobody can force us to do anything. It's our own individual choice. Jesus showed us how to walk in His **FREEDOM** daily. He is our prime example of what we are created for. And when we choose to love God and others, we choose to glorify Him by serving others. It's NOT a chore, something that we have to do. No, this is something that we get to do. We are **FREE** to choose to serve, as Jesus did. To do the will of our Father in Heaven, as He did.



FATHER GOD, as we celebrate the Fourth of July this year, thank You for blessing us with eternal salvation and **FREEDOM** through Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. And thank You for blessing our nation with the **FREEDOM** to worship you. May we purpose in our hearts to glorify You as we walk in our **FREEDOM** daily by taking every opportunity afforded us in serving others, in Jesus' Name we pray 🙏❤️✝️

*From the
Pastor*



Minister Melissa Ruiz-Molina - 7/6
Sr Roxanne Garibay - 7/20
Co-Pastor Fito Rangel - 7/26



July 4



JCRS' Fifth Anniversary
July 15



Church Services:

Sundays @ 10:00AM
15920 Henze Road
San Antonio, Tx 78223

Hour of Prayer:

Every Tuesday @ 7:00PM
Send a private message to the
JCRS-SATX FB Page or
message Pastor Cindy 210-838-3668
or any church member,
or email the Church direct:
JCRS.SATX@gmail.com

Bible Study:

Wednesdays @ 6:30PM
Live on:
JCRS-SATX FB Page



This Fourth of July, we celebrate 247 years of our nation's existence. Let's take a look at one of the USA's iconic symbol: the **Liberty Bell**. We'll see how our nation's independence was founded on God's Word of Truth, the Bible, as our Founding Father's so clearly prayed for

guidance in establishing the **FREEDOMS** within this great nation.

According to ushistory.org, tradition tells of a chime that changed the world on July 8, 1776, with the **Liberty Bell** ringing out from the tower of Independence Hall summoning the citizens of Philadelphia to hear the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence by Colonel John Nixon.

The Pennsylvania Assembly ordered the Bell in 1751 to commemorate the 50-year anniversary of William Penn's 1701, Charter of Privileges, which is Pennsylvania's original Constitution. It speaks of the rights and freedoms valued by people all over the world.

The Bell achieved its iconic status when abolitionists adopted it as a symbol for the movement in 1837 in a publication by the New York Anti-Slavery Society. It was the abolitionists who named it the **Liberty Bell** because of its inscription, "...proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof...", from Leviticus 25:10. Before that, it was simply called the "State House bell."

Dutch Sheets put it so matter of factly in his Give Him 15 daily devotional titled, "The Weapon of Truth," where he gives us a factual history lesson regarding our nation and its true roots. He goes on to quote several founders and other presidents. You can read the full devotional by clicking on this link: <https://www.givehim15.com/post/june-23-2023>

Dutch wrote, "William Penn, author of the book **No Cross, No Crown**, which he wrote while imprisoned in the Tower of London, was the founder of Pennsylvania. His first legislative act, "The Great Law of Penn," stated, "Whereas the glory of Almighty God and the good of mankind is the reason and the end of government, and government itself is a venerable ordinance of God...let there be established laws as shall best preserve true Christian and Civil liberty, in opposition to all unchristian, licentious, and unjust practices, whereby God can have His due..."

Penn asked God to make Pennsylvania "the seed of a nation" and God answered his prayer. Our Declaration of Independence was decreed there in 1776. Four times it references God - as our Lawmaker, Creator, Judge, and Protector. Our Constitution was written in Pennsylvania in 1787, born through prayer, asked for by Ben Franklin. In it, our government's three branches were formed according to Isaiah 33:22. "*The Lord is our Judge...Lawgiver...King; He will save us.*" The righteous seeds Penn and others planted produced a righteous nation and government. We must command these truths embedded in America's fabric to come alive once more."



WOOHOO 🙌 LET FREEDOM RING!!! PRAISE OUR LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!!!

Such a powerful testimony of our nation's true heritage. The enemy can try to divide and change the course of our nation with its evil ideologies and agendas, but he will NOT succeed!!! We boldly pray, command, declare, and decree that the righteous seeds planted 247 years ago, once again become embedded in America's fabric so that we may be one nation under God, proclaiming **freedom, liberty and justice for all!!!!** In Jesus' Name we pray 🙏❤️✝️