

There are many who abuse the freedom we have in the United States of America with no regard for the price of freedom. Likewise, there are those who reject the price paid by the Lord Jesus Christ for their sin and the gift of eternal life which He offers. While you may have the personal freedoms that come with living in the greatest country on Earth, if you have not been set free from sin then you are truly a slave.

John 8:34,36 *"Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."*

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

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any brave Americans have given their lives so that we might enjoy the freedom that we have in these great United States. We must never forget that America was founded as "one nation under God," and that we have freedoms that no other people in the world possess.

As Americans, we inherited that freedom from our forefathers who paid the supreme sacrifice. As human beings, we also inherited a sinful nature from the first man Adam, that has made us a slave to sin.

Romans 5:12 *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."*

Just as it required the shed blood and sacrifice of many American lives to pay the price of freedom, it also required a blood sacrifice to pay the price of freedom from our sin. Two thousand years ago, the greatest man who ever lived, shed His blood and gave His life to pay that price and set us free.

Revelation 1:5 *"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."*

We could not purchase our own freedom from sin, nor could we ever pay our sin debt, but the "just" paid for the "unjust" that we might be free.

1 Peter 3:18 *"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."*

Jesus Christ paid that price for us when He was crucified on the cross of Calvary, buried in the tomb, and three days later arose from the dead!

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 *"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures."*

Those who paid the price of freedom gave us a great gift and for that we are very grateful. Since the price of freedom from sin has been paid by Jesus Christ, God offers the free gift of eternal life to all who will receive Him as Lord and Savior.

Romans 6:23 *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."*