5. The Future of Freedom

Freedom Comes with a Cost, But It Is Worth It

Romans 8:21: - "That the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God."

Philippians 3:20: "But **our citizenship** is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Quote: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants." - Thomas Jefferson

The cost of freedom is often high, involving sacrifice, defense, and responsibility. However, the benefits—both temporal and eternal—make it a worthy pursuit.

Thomas Paine: "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

Conclusion

We should constantly remember the cost of freedom. Reflecting on the sacrifices made by those who came before us and the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our spiritual freedom, let us commit to living lives that honor these gifts. May we remain vigilant, responsible, and grateful, always recognizing the divine source of our liberties.



The Rights and Responsibilities of Freedom

Saturday-Sunday, July 6-7, 2024

1. Freedom Requires Sacrifice

John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Galatians 5:1: "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."

1 Corinthians 6:20: "You were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

Quote: "The harder the conflict, the greater the triumph." - George Washington

Thomas Jefferson: "The tree of liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of patriots and tyrants."

True freedom often requires great sacrifice. Just as Christ sacrificed Himself for our spiritual freedom, countless men and women have sacrificed their lives for the freedoms we enjoy in our country.

Nathan Hale, a young American soldier during the Revolutionary War, volunteered for an intelligence-gathering mission. He was captured by the British and executed. Before his death, he famously said, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." Hale's sacrifice embodies the ultimate cost of freedom.

Patrick Henry's Speech: Patrick Henry's impassioned speech to the Virginia Convention in 1775 is a prime example. His famous line, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" encapsulates the spirit of sacrifice and the willingness to pay the ultimate price for freedom. Henry understood that freedom often comes at a great cost, a theme echoed in the sacrifice of Christ for our spiritual freedom.

2. The Responsibility of Freedom

1 Peter 2:16: "Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves."

James 1:25: "But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do."

Galatians 5:13: "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

Quote: "Freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought." - Abraham Lincoln

With freedom comes great responsibility. As Christians, our freedom in Christ calls us to live righteous lives, using our freedom to serve others and glorify God.

Quote from America's Forefathers:

John Adams: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious People. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." George Washington, Farewell Address, 1796. "Among all the qualities and habits that lead to political success, religion and morality are essential supports. Anyone who works to undermine these great pillars of human happiness and the firmest foundations of our duties as citizens cannot claim to be a true patriot. Both politicians and religious individuals should respect and cherish these values. The connections between these principles and both private and public happiness are too numerous to list. Simply ask, where is the security for property, reputation, or life if the sense of religious obligation is lost, which is necessary for justice in our courts?" 3. The Defense of Freedom Freedom Must Be Defended The Chinese author who wrote about the warfare of disintegration is **Sun Tzu**. His famous work, "The Art of War," delves into various strategies of warfare, including psychological tactics and the concept of disintegrating the enemy's cohesion and morale. Sun Tzu emphasizes the importance of strategy, deception, and the use of indirect methods to undermine the enemy, which aligns with the concept of disintegration in warfare. Scriptures: Ephesians 6:11: "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Psalm 144:1: "Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle." 2 Corinthians 10:4: "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." Quote from America's Forefathers: James Madison: "The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty." Story: The Minutemen: The Minutemen of the Revolutionary War The Minutemen were civilian colonists who independently organized to form well-prepared militia companies. They were known for being ready at a minute's notice to defend their homes and liberty. Their readiness and willingness to fight at a moment's notice were crucial in the early battles of the American Revolution. The courage and readiness of the Minutemen at the battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775 serve as a powerful example of defending freedom. These ordinary citizens were prepared to fight for their liberties, embodying the biblical principle of being equipped and ready to stand firm against opposition

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Freedom is not only gained but must be continually defended. This vigilance applies our national freedoms as well as our spiritual freedom in Christ.	s to
Quote: "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." - Thomas Jefferson	
4. The Blessings of Freedom	
Freedom Is a Gift from God	
Scriptures:	
2 Corinthians 3:17: "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord there is freedom."	is,
Isaiah 61:1: "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has a ed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhe to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoner	arted,
Luke 4:18: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proc good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and covery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free."	
Quote: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." - Declaration of Independence	
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