

FREEDOM  
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Don't you just LOVE the Fourth of July holiday! All the great parades with marching bands, fire trucks with lights flashing and their Dalmatian mascot wagging his tail joyfully, the bagpipes making their unique music, the prancing horses and brightly polished old cars filled with local celebrities and politicians smiling and waving at the cheering crowds! Then, that night, we can enjoy the ever so beautiful . . . and LOUD . . . fireworks, often set to go off in time to rousing patriotic music. How WONDERFUL it is to be an American, even with all our problems, and have a FREEDOM such as ours to enjoy. Not all countries are so blessed.

But **FREEDOM IS NEVER FREE!** Think back with me for a minute or two . . . In the Civil War, there were over 600,000 casualties, with more than 350,000 souls giving their lives so that the slaves could have their much-deserved FREEDOM.

Unfortunately, records were so poorly kept in the Revolutionary War that we only know of 4,435 deaths and 6,188 casualties, but these, and others, are the ones that gave us the FREEDOM that we celebrate every Fourth of July.

Someone had to pay for this FREEDOM. Nor does it come with a guarantee . . . we could still lose our FREEDOM at any time through a number of different catastrophic events such as another war or a global disaster.

But, did YOU know that JESUS gave His life for FREEDOM, too? He GAVE His life for OUR FREEDOM . . . FREEDOM from sin and its eternal punishment in a place called hell.

THIS FREEDOM IS GUARANTEED and will last FOREVER and EVER in the place called Heaven. The Bible tells us in Romans 5:8 that "*God commendeth (showed) his love toward US, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*" God also says that we ". . . ALL have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23), and that "*if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us*" (1 John 1:8).

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

Jesus paid for our FREEDOM, yours and mine, and offers it now to YOU as a

free gift. If YOU want this FREEDOM that He has so lovingly and willingly provided for you, all you have to do is pray a simple prayer like this one . . . just BE SURE you really mean it with ALL YOUR HEART:

*Dear God, I know that I'm a sinner and I am so sorry for all my sins. Please forgive me. I now turn AWAY from all those sins and ask You to come into my heart, be my Lord and Savior and take me to Heaven when I die. In Jesus' Name, I pray. Amen.*

Romans 10:13 assures us that "whosoever (that's YOU) shall call upon the name of the Lord SHALL (without a doubt) BE SAVED (from Hell)". And, "If the Son therefore shall make you FREE, ye shall be FREE indeed" (John 8:36).

**"There is therefore now NO CONDEMNATION to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the (Holy) Spirit" (Romans 8:1).**

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