



**Freedom From Sin
Romans 7 - 8
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Introduction

Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a day on which the United States commemorates The Declaration of Independence adopted on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from Great Britain (now known as the United Kingdom). On Friday, our nation celebrated her 238th Birthday.

Calvin Coolidge:
"To live under the American Constitution is the greatest political privilege God ever gave to mankind."

Likewise, nothing is more frustrating for the Christian than to constantly struggle with growth in his Christian life. Many Christians claim to have joy unspeakable and to be full of glory but their lives are marked with constant defeat and struggle! If the Christian needs anything, he needs the power of God's Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17 (NASB77) Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there is liberty.*

Fact:

I am afraid the church of the 21st Century has produced a religious system that has created a whole host of means and methods for doing church that in the end requires no help or very little help from the Holy Spirit of God.

William Barclay:
"If a man stands with his right foot on a hot stove and his left foot in a freezer, some statisticians would assert that on the average, he is comfortable."

Oswald Chambers: September 1 -- DESTINY OF HOLINESS

"Continually restate to yourself what the purpose of your life is. The destined end of man is not happiness, nor health, but holiness. Nowadays we have far too many affinities, we are disillusioned with them; right, good, noble affinities which will yet have their fulfillment, but in the meantime God has to weaken them. Do I believe I need to be holy? Do I believe God can come into me and make me holy? If by your preaching you convince me that I am unholy, I resent your preaching. The preaching of the gospel awakens an intense resentment because it must reveal that I am unholy; but it also awakens an intense craving.

God has one destined end for mankind, viz., and holiness. His one aim is the production of saints. God is not an eternal blessing machine for men; He did not come to save men out of pity: He came to save men because He had created them to be holy."

I. Freedom from Condemnation

Two laws are presented in Romans 7 - 8:

1. The law of sin and death.
2. The law of the Spirit of life.

Jonathan Edwards:

"God has given his people holy affections and deep longings for sanctification."

Sin, for the lost man, lives in two places:

1. His old nature.
2. Inside the members of his body.

II. Freedom from Obligation

Three Levels of Living:

1. Living without the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:5-8)
2. Living with the Spirit. (Romans 8:9-11)
3. Living controlled by the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:12-17)