

July 4, 2019 – “...Remembering Our Freedoms”

JULY 4TH - “A TIME FOR

REMEMBERING OUR FREEDOMS -

FROM A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE -

FROM NO Religious Freedom TO Freedom In JESUS CHRIST !”

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(Unless otherwise stated, Scriptures are taken from the King James Version of the Holy Bible)

***June 20* – Assignment 1: - PART A: A BASIC INTRODUCTION -**

In our country, July 4th is highly celebrated as the actual birthday of the United States of America. For more intensive information on this topic, please follow the outlined format in this Bible Study Guide.

Instructions/Assignments (June 20 – July 31): Please

- a) Proceed according to Instructions/dates given.
- b) To further enhance your KJV readings,
 - 1) Use the “YouVersion” Bible App.
 - 2) Key in these suggested Bible versions: **KJV, NLT, NKJV, AMP, AMPC, MSG, ASV** Scriptures.
 - 3) As you read the BSG Scripture,
 - a) Underline the verse(s)
 - b) Click on “Compare Versions” (You will see the versions you indicated in “b2” above.
 - c) As you read your assignment verses, you will gain more clarification/verse enhancements as you “Compare Bible Versions.”

June 21-22 - PART B: FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES -

Assignment 2: Read comparison Scriptures for each Scripture in "PART A."

June 21 - 1. Scriptures relative to Oppression from Religious Freedom:

a) *"I called upon the LORD in distress: the LORD answered me, and set me in a large place. The LORD is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?"* (Psalm 118:5-6)

b) *"I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me. I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame. I will run the way of THY commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart."* (Psalm 119:3-32)

June 22 - 2. Scriptures relative to Freedom in JESUS CHRIST:

a) *"Then said JESUS to those Jews which believed on HIM, If ye continue in my Word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* (John 8:31-32)

b) *"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by HIM all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."* (Acts 18:38-39)

c) *"For brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only uses not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another. For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."* (Galatians 5:13-14)

June 23-27 - **PART C: A BRIEF HISTORICAL BACKGROUND -**

Your BACKGROUND – Assignment 3 - to this topic is to read the following articles (Google Internet) :

June 23 - **“Declaring the Spirit of the Lord this Fourth of July”** by CCSBG Web Team -Jul 3, 2013-
4 encouraging-comments.

This article is interestingly discussed from an historical aspect.

June 24 - **“Answers”** by Billy Graham (<https://billygraham.org/author/billygraham/>)

This article centered on a visitor to the U.S. who wanted to know the meaning of July 4th in the U.S. and its relation to our Christian religion.

June 25 -- **“Independence Day: Our Christian Heritage”** by David Barton (Copyright 2011, David Barton. Used by permission and 2019: The Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc.. A nonprofit 501 (c)(3) Charitable Organization.

This article interestingly talks about (a) The Birth of A nation and (b) A Different Holiday

June 26 - **“4 Reasons for Christians to Celebrate Independence Day”** by Dr. Dillon Burroughs (<http://Instagram.com/johnankerberg?ref=badge>)

Discussed in this article are 4 reasons for our acknowledgement and appreciation to **GOD** for our a) Religious Freedom; b) person who defended/defend our Freedom; c) opportunities for governmental participation; d) to have Peace with our families, neighbors, friends, and others.

June 27 - **“What is Christian Independence Day?”** by Phil Ware (07/05/2004 (Copyright 1996 – 2019 All rights reserved. HEARTLIGHT is a registered service mark of Heartlight, Inc.)

This article answers its question.

June 28 – Assignment: Research your own history regarding **“The 4th of July.”**

June 29-July 3 - **PART D: Assignment 4 is to Read Pertinent Scriptures relative to the THEN and the NOW-**

June 29 - *“But ye shall receive power, after that the HOLY GHOST is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”* (Acts 1:8)

June 29 - *“In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of HIM.”* (Ephesians 3:12)

June 29 - *“Now the LORD is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is liberty.”* (II Corinthians 3:17)

June 30 - *“I have chosen the way of truth: thy judgments have I laid before me. I have stuck unto thy testimonies: O LORD, put me not to shame. I will run the way of THY commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.”* (Psalm 119:30-32)

June 30 - *“And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in THY judgments. So shall I keep THY law continually for ever and ever. And I will walk at liberty: for I seek THY precepts. I will speak of THY testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed. And I will delight myself in THY commandments, which I have loved. My hands also will I lift up unto THY commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in THY statutes.”* (Psalm 119:43-47)

June 31 - *“Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover or pretext for evil, but [use it and live] as bond-servants of GOD.”* (I Peter 2:18 Amplified)

June 31 - *“Blessed is the nation whose GOD is the LORD; and the people who HE hath chosen for HIS own inheritance.”* (Psalm 33:12)

June 31 - “A new heart also will **I** give you, and a new Spirit will **I** put within you: and **I** will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and **I** will give you an heart of flesh. And **I** will put **MY SPIRIT** within you, and cause you to walk in **MY** statutes, and ye shall keep **MY** judgments, and do them.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

July 1 - “Only let your conversation be as it becometh the **Gospel of CHRIST**: that whether I [Paul] come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the **Faith of the Gospel**.” (Philippians 1:27)

July 1 - “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the **LORD**, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the **LORD**.” (Joshua 24:15)

July 2 - “If **MY** people, which are called by **MY NAME**, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek **MY** face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will **I** hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (II Chronicles 7:14)

July 2 - “Let everything that hath breath praise the **LORD**. Praise ye the **LORD**.” (Psalm 150:6)

July 3 - “For **GOD** so loved the world, that **HE** gave **HIS only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in **HIM** should not perish, but have **Everlasting Life**.” (John 3:16)

July 3 - “But our citizenship [conversation] is in heaven, and from it we await a **SAVIOR, the LORD JESUS CHRIST**, who will change [transform] our vile [lowly] body to be fashioned [like unto] **HIS GLORIOUS BODY**, by the power that enables **HIM** even to subject all things to **HIMSELF**.” (Philippians 3:20-21. KJV/ESV)

July 4 - **PART E: Assignment 5 for July 4th –**

With your family and/or Church, **PLAN AN EVENT**, then **EXECUTE YOUR PLAN** on the **FOURTH OF JULY** (also known as **INDEPENDENCE DAY**).

July 9 - 10 - Assignment 6:

PART F: SELF-APPLICATION OF THIS TOPIC -

- 1) Using information from the INTRODUCTION (PART A), summarize this topic.
- 2) Locate, then list other Scriptures that relate to my Celebration of July 4th.

May GOD Bless you for your time and effort used in the Study of this Topic.

May what you researched and learned enhance your historical AND spiritual knowledge of the Fourth of July (Independence Day) and why we should celebrate it.

Will you share this information with others (especially, to children).

July 11-31 – Assignment 7:

**PART G: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (esp. that
children should know) REGARDING JULY 4TH –**

- 1) Additional History

- 2) “The Pledge of Allegiance”

- 3) Four PATRIOTIC SONGS to know:
 - a) *“The Star-Spangled Banner”*
 - b) *“America the Beautiful”*
 - c) *“America” (“My Country Tis of Thee”)*
 - d) *“GOD Bless America”*