

# FREEDOM!

Our country was formed for the purpose of individual freedom. Freedom to speak our minds, even for or against the President of the United States. Freedom of religion - we do not have a state church as England or Germany does. We are free to express our faith the way we see fit. We have the freedom of life. We choose how we live our lives and pursue our dreams.

With freedom comes responsibility. You have freedom of speech but cannot scream fire in a crowded building. You have the freedom of religion but cannot force your beliefs on another. Too many times we forget to think before we speak. We think at times just because we have the right to do something does not make it right.

Our freedom came at the high cost of thousands of men and women who served their country in the armed forces. They died so we might be free. Freedom from government intrusion and intervention. Freedom from fear of our government. Freedom from a forced religion such as Islam and freedom from tyranny by anyone, great or small.

Over two thousand years ago Jesus died so that you and I might be free. Free from sin. Free from death and free from eternal separation from the Father. As we celebrate this year, our freedom let us remember it is not just about our country but our freedom in and through Christ. John 8:36 "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free."

Are you free?

~Pastor Steve