

Daily Devotion For June 20, 2020

“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**.” Galatians 5:1

I don't know where I have been, but for some reason I have missed the term “**Juneteenth**” while I was growing up. Yesterday, there were **Juneteenth** rallies across the nation and even here on the peninsula. **Juneteenth** is the oldest national celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the **African American Emancipation Day** has spread across the United States and beyond.

According to Wikipedia “Today Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. It is a day, a week, and in some areas a month marked with celebrations, guest speakers, picnics and family gatherings. It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It is a time for assessment, self-improvement and for planning the future. Its growing popularity signifies a level of maturity and dignity in America long overdue. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions are joining hands to truthfully acknowledge a period in our history that shaped and continues to influence our society today. Sensitized to the conditions and experiences of others, only then can we make significant and lasting improvements in our society.”

In Galatians 5:1, the apostle Paul reminds us that Christ has set us **free** from the **slavery** of sin and a long list of laws and regulations of the law. Not **free** to do whatever we want, but **free** to live unselfish lives for the sake of the gospel.

Thought For Today: What does it mean that for freedom Christ has set us free? What is the yoke of slavery? Do you feel in bondage thinking that you are made right with God by the things you do or by the grace of God?

Today's Prayer Focus: Give thanks today for the freedom that you have in Christ. That you are free from the bondage of trying to be made right with God through obeying the law. We are saved by grace and not by works of the law. Continue to add this week's prayer fuel to your daily devotion time. Deo Volente!