

Daily Devotion For July 5, 2022

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures . . .” I Corinthians 15:3-4

Yesterday was the 4th of July, Independence Day, and all across the U.S.A. people paused to celebrate the tremendous freedom we enjoy. As I drove to Lover’s Point to wish my wife Kazuko a Happy 35th wedding anniversary, I saw that in front of the Pacific Grove Library, a community celebration taking place. I came home and told Sherry, I saw Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin. We who know Jesus Christ as our Savior had another kind of freedom to celebrate. We are free from the bondage of our sin and death.

I Corinthians 15:1-4 gives a picture of the freedoms we have in Christ. First, “Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.” He died for one reason: to pay the penalty necessary for our sins. He took our place. Because of His death, we are made free from the death penalty of sin and stand righteous before God. This is our justification.

Second, “that He was buried.” Romans 6 tells us that through faith we died with Him and were buried with Him and are now dead to the power of sin over us. Sin no longer has dominion over us, so we can choose to live righteous, holy lives. We are free from sin’s control over us! This is our sanctification.

Third, “that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures.” His death alone could not save us; it was the resurrection that showed God’s acceptance of Christ’s sacrifice, and that gives power unto salvation. In Colossians 3:1 we read that we are risen with Christ. His resurrection guarantees a future in Heaven for us where we will be free from the presence of sin. Although Kazuko is not around to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary I know that she is alive in the kingdom of heaven.

Thought For Today: Today reflect upon the truth that we are free from the power of sin and death. That is a reason to celebrate everyday!!

Today’s Prayer Focus: Thank God for the freedom that we enjoy through faith in Jesus Christ. Deo Volente.