

Daily Devotion For July 3, 2022

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his **star** when it rose and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2

"The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His **stripes** we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

As our nation prepares to celebrate Independence Day tomorrow, many Americans are hanging the American Flag at their homes. Another name for the American Flag is the **stars and stripes**.

As we celebrate our freedom and liberty on the 4th of July, I am also reminded of the freedom and liberty that has been given to us through faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It was a **star** that led wisemen to the place where Jesus lay and it was through the **stripes** that Jesus suffered on his way to the cross that gave us freedom from our sins.

Let us joyfully celebrate our nations independence tomorrow and also celebrate the freedom that we have through Christ.

Thought For Today: How will you celebrate our nations independence tomorrow? What does freedom mean for you? What does it mean to have freedom in Christ?

Today's Prayer Focus: Take time today to thank God for the freedoms and liberty we have in the United States. Thank God for the freedom we have in Christ. Remember to give thanks for the service men and women who have given us the opportunity to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Deo Volente.