

Monthly newsletter from the

Lakeport Christian Church

Gospel Restored

July 2021

*Restoring the church back to the
New Testament pattern!*

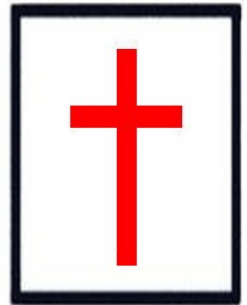


When I see the flag of the United States of America, I am reminded of freedom! It was Lee Greenwood who penned the song “*God Bless the USA*” which included these lyrics: “*cause the flag still stands for freedom.*”

I LOVE American Freedom! I am so thankful for the men and women throughout the history of our country who have guarded and protected our freedom. Many were even willing to lay down their lives for American freedom. The old saying goes, “Freedom is never free.” We have definitely seen that in the history of America.

When I think about Christian Freedom, two things come to my mind:

First my mind goes to the cross where Jesus gave up His life for me! You see, as a human, with the freedom to choose right and wrong, I choose wrong. I missed the mark. I sinned. And when I sinned, I fell short of the glory of God. I let Him down. In fact, I became His enemy, one without hope. The only thing I deserved was death, or separation from God for all eternity. That is where the cross comes in! Jesus went to the cross to pay the price for my sin! Jesus redeemed me! Jesus set me free from the guilt, and punishment of sin. As the hymn says, “Jesus paid it all.” That sin problem I had was taken care of at the cross! Freedom!



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When I think about Christian Freedom, the second thing to come to my mind is the empty tomb, where Jesus won the victory over death and the grave. You see, because of my sin, all I deserve is

death. The grave is what awaits me. But the good news is, the grave is not the end! Jesus came out of His tomb alive, never to die again, winning the victory over, not only His death, but over my death as well. The apostle Paul put it this way in I Corinthians 15:54-57

“DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. “O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” I have victory over death and the grave because Jesus is alive! Now you talk about FREEDOM! He took care of my death, or grave problem!



Now I have written this entire article so far using the first person “I”. “I have sinned.” “I deserved death.” My friend, the Scripture teaches we all have sinned. We all deserve death—separation from God. But the FREE gift to all of us is Jesus, and what He did at the cross, and by coming out of the tomb alive. He gives all of us the opportunity to have true FREEDOM!

In order for the blood (death) of Jesus to be applied on your behalf, we MUST come in contact with the blood (death) of Jesus! And the only place in Scripture I ever read about this happening is in Romans 6:3, where the apostle Paul writes, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?”

My friend, do you want TRUE Freedom? I’m not talking about American Freedom—but Freedom in Christ! Go to the water! Let Jesus’ blood be applied on your behalf. Have your sins washed away. Redeemed! And as Jesus came out of the tomb alive, you come up out of the water to walk in newness of life—alive in Christ.

As Ananias told Saul of Tarsus, “Why do you delay? Get up and be immersed, washing away your sins.”

I love being your evangelist! Love you all in Christ!

Kevin

Have you checked out the church’s website?

www.lakeportcc.com

Sunday School at 9:30 with George Randolph teaching

Meets in the Fellowship Hall

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| 7-4 | Expressing Thanks | Leviticus 13:45-46; Luke 17:11-19 |
| 7-11 | A Gift to Strengthen You | Romans 1:8-17 |
| 7-18 | Seeking Assurance | Romans 4:1-12 |
| 7-25 | Seeking Reconciliation | Romans 5:1-11 |



From the Pulpit

Worship Service at 10:30

Meets in the Auditorium

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| 7-4 | Cost of Freedom | John 3:16 |
| 7-11 | Here Comes the Judge | Matthew 7:1-5 |
| 7-18 | Faith Like Abraham | Romans 4:13-25 |
| 7-25 | Just Do It! | Haggai 1:2-9 |

Want to learn more about the Bible? Join us for

Bible Study

Wednesdays at 2:00 PM at George & Jo Randolph's home



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Sunday Evening Services —6:30 PM

We meet in the Fellowship Hall. The Lord's Supper will be offered to any who did not have the opportunity to partake in the AM Service.

Join us for a Look Back, so we can Look Forward!



← Looking Back

to Look Forward →



A History of the Restoration Movement
a study of the restoration ideal

Wednesday Evening Services —6:30 PM

*We meet in the Fellowship Hall. The current study is from the book of Philippians. This is a verse by verse study of this great epistle with the theme of **JOY!***

The
Joyous
Christian Life

Studies from the Epistle of Philippians