

Sunday, July 6th 2014

Friday was July 4th Independence Day here in America. Independence - Freedom from oppression, enslavement, domination, cruelty, tyranny, coercion, compulsion, force, intimidation, bullying, pressure, threats, fear, terrorization, panic and much more. The Americans were held in bondage to England.

Even though America declared her freedom on July 4, 1776 and won her freedom in 1783 and in 1787 the US Constitution was created but many people within her borders were still feeling many of the same things oppression, domination, intimidation, bullying, pressure, threats, fear, terrorization, panic, and many more forms of bondage. Many Americans were still in bondage, bondage to Satan.

One of the primary emphases in Marks Gospel is Jesus' overriding concern to defeat Satan and his demonic powers in Mark 3:27, this is phrased as "binding the strong Man" (Satan) and "spoiling (robbing) his house. Robbing his house is setting people free that are enslaved to Satan. This power over Satan is especially evident in the driving out of demons (GK daimonion) or evil spirits.

"No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house." Mark 3:27

In His miracles, Jesus often attacks the power of Satan and the demonic. One of Jesus' clearly stated purposes in coming to earth was to bind Satan and to set FREE those enslaved by him.

Jesus' binding of Satan, driving demons out and His death and resurrection, **shatters** the power of Satan's realm and **restores** the power of God's kingdom.

Scripture teaches that no true believer who is indwelt by the Holy Spirit can be demon-possessed, the Holy Spirit and demons can never live in the same house (body). Demons may, however, influence the thoughts, emotions and actions of Christians who have **not been delivered from old strongholds** or **who fail to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit**.

Jesus promises true believers authority over the power of Satan and his buddies.

As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to engage in spiritual warfare through the power of the Holy Spirit. In this way we can set others free from the powers of darkness.

[Luke 11:20-22](#); [Acts 26:18](#)

Satan's power can be broken in any specific area of his domain. We as believers have powerful spiritual weapons given by God for the destruction of Satan's strongholds.

[Mark 1:23-28](#)

[Mark 3:10-11](#)

[Mark 5:1-20](#)

[Mark 6:7](#)

[Mark 6:13](#)

[Mark 7:24-30](#)

[Mark 7:31-37](#)

[Mark 16:15-18](#)

Today is your Independence Day. Are you ready to be set free?