

Title: “*Freedom Isn’t Free*”

Scripture: “*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 (NIV)

Sermon:

Freedom is one of the greatest gifts we can have — yet *freedom isn’t free*. It always costs something. We see this in the history of nations, and we see it in our faith. Our political freedoms cost the lives and sacrifices of many. “*Give me liberty, or give me death!*” cried Patrick Henry, knowing that the blessings of liberty are worth defending, even to the grave.

But as Christians, we remember that our ultimate freedom was bought at the cross. Jesus gave His life so we could be free from the bondage of sin and death. As the Bible says, “*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.*” Our Savior paid a price we could never pay, so we could live as sons and daughters — not slaves.

So, let us never take our freedom for granted. “*Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty,*” the old saying goes. This means we must guard our hearts, stand firm in our faith, and protect what is good and true.

May we live in such a way that our freedom respects and enhances the freedom of others, just as Nelson Mandela once said. Let freedom ring — in our homes, our churches, and our hearts — all because of the One who set us free.

Closing Prayer:

“Lord, thank You for the freedom we have — in this nation and in Christ. Help us to stand firm, never to be slaves again to fear or sin. May we honor the sacrifices of those who came before us, and above all, may we live lives that honor You, our Redeemer. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”