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(Deceivers) promise freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved.

2 Peter 2:19

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The War on Freedom

In this month of July, we celebrate freedom, a basic human value upon which our nation was founded. We remember that when the aliens attacked, Will Smith and the funny Quaid brother ... Wait, not that Independence Day. Actually, we remember when the British wanted to enslave us, we fought them off, and we have been fighting off aliens, er, enemies ever since.

Freedom Watch

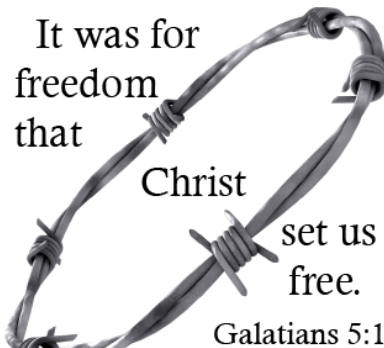
Thomas Jefferson was right, "the price of freedom is eternal vigilance." We must safeguard against the many threats to freedom. There is a loss of personal freedom that can sneak up on an individual and enslave them internally.

This promise of freedom is deceptively dangled in today's movies, commercials and attitudes. The mantra seems to be: "How can it be wrong, when it feels so right?" Today, our very definition of freedom is at stake. Some in our country, and in our churches, are confused by "postmodern" definitions of freedom. Some think we have advanced past "modernism," when we believed we could decipher absolute truths that apply to all. Nowadays, we can all have our own individual "truths" that work for us. We must not challenge other's conceptions of personal truth, especially if they "are not hurting anybody." Live and let live. Soon this abandonment of standards catches up

on any country or individual. Consider the decline of the great Roman Empire, or the court dockets of our liberated celebrities.

Absolute Freedom

The Book of Judges perfectly captures the spirit of our day in 17:6, "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Some Americans believe they have been granted absolute permission to pursue a behavior or choice if it is legal and "protected" by law. Others are not too concerned about human laws. Ultimately, human legal, personal or popular opinions mean nothing before a holy, unchanging God. Yet, it is His love which is reflected perfectly in His righteous standards. He only



It was for
freedom
that
Christ
set us
free.
Galatians 5:1

forbids and hates what is harmful to us and others. If He has chosen to establish a rule or a law, we should know He does so with our very best in mind. He has sacrificed quite a bit to regain the freedom we forfeited to sin and Satan. Jesus declares His intentions, "He who the Son sets free is free indeed," and, "the truth shall set you free." So, our perception of personal freedom and happiness is inextricably tied to our concept of God. Is the freedom He offers the type you seek? Is His path *always* the best for you? He is committed to maintaining your freedom – are you?

-Joe Fornear