

Freedom At A Price

-- Galatians 5:1-13 --

- A. Thanksgiving day for you was hopefully an enjoyable time with family, friends, and food.
- B. The first “Thanksgiving” involved a group of Puritans who gathered with some native Indians in the “new world”. These men and women made this journey to the “new world” because of persecution. They were looking for a place to be free to practice their faith. Would you do this?
- C. William Bradford wrote in his diary, *“they knew they were pilgrims...”*. The faithful mentioned in **Hebrews 11:13-16** understood what it meant to be pilgrims (cf. **1 Pet 2:11,12**)...

1. What _____ Would You _____ to be _____ ?

- A. The pilgrims *“had now no friends to welcome them, nor inns to entertain or refresh their weather-beaten bodies, no houses or much less towns to repair to, to seek for succor... What could now sustain them but the spirit of God and his grace?”*
- B. There are stories like that somewhere in this world.
- C. Jesus knows the price of freedom. He gave himself (**Heb 4:14-16**).
- D. Do we sit here without a thought about the price paid for us to live in a free land and have freedom from sin...
- E. What we need to consider about our freedom is **1 Tim 2:1-3**. Think on these things: **Romans 8:1-3** and **Hebrews 2:14,15** *“For _____ did _____ set us free”* (**Gal 5:1**)

2. What Does _____ _____ ?

- A. Read **Ps 107:1-10, 13-16, 23-32**... This was a beloved passage of the puritans..
- B. As one who enters into the “new life” in Christ, these pilgrims knew they needed a new law to govern them – The Mayflower Compact...
- C. God made a covenant with Israel they committed to keep (**Exodus 19,20**). Jesus spoke of freedom in **John 8:31-38**. It is freedom based upon hearing and heeding the truth. Freedom from sin is not by “nature” but by the *“form of teaching delivered”* (**Rom 6:16-18; James 1:25**)...
- D. Do you appreciate your freedom in Christ that you will not go back to the world (**2 Peter 2:20-21; Hebrews 10:32-39; Lk 9:62**)

3. Where the _____ is a _____, so is _____

- A. The pilgrims were bid farewell on the Mayflower by John Robinson. He charged them to remember their promise with God.
- B. Although strangers in a new world, they need not let the excitement of the new world allow them to forget who brought them there and sustained them...
- C. In **Deuteronomy 30**, Moses petitioned Israel not to forget God when they entered the promised land of milk and honey...
- D. Freedom is living according to the purpose of our design...
- E. Some people would rather have freedom from God rather than believing freedom is of God (**2 Pet 2:19**).
- F. Freedom cannot be had without God (**Romans 6:18-22**)...
- G. *“For freedom did Christ set us free”* (**Gal 5:1**). For those who desire that freedom, Jesus has something to say in **Lk 9:23-26**. The price of a crown is a cross...