

“Made of God to Set us Free”

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This Independence Day we celebrate the freedom we have in our country. Despite growing threats to our security, rising fuel prices and the prospect of political uncertainty, we continue to enjoy a freedom and prosperity like no other generation. Much has happened in 250 years of our country's existence to provide us such a freedom, thanks to many who came before us and paid the price. People stood their ground and died to give us this freedom. We need to remind ourselves that our country was founded as a rebellion against tariffs (taxes) imposed by our mother land (England). Isn't it ironic that we are still fighting foreign country tariffs (taxes) today? But as believers in Christ, we know we can stand "in the freedom wherein Christ has made us free" (Galatians 5:1) and therefore we are blessed beyond measure, because of the price paid by our Heavenly Father and our Savior Christ Jesus.

Let us celebrate what God has “made” to give us so great salvation:
Remember concerning our Savior:

“All things were made by Him...” –John 1:3

“...By Him also He (God) made the worlds...” –Hebrews 1:2

“For by Him all things were created...in heaven and in the earth... all things are created by Him and for Him.” –Colossians 1:16

To provide such a GREAT SALVATION to us Christ our Savior was:

- Made flesh. –John 1:4
- Made of the seed of David (just the right lineage). –Romans 1:3
- Made of a woman (virgin born). –Galatians 4:4
- Made under the Law. –Galatians 4:4
- Made in the likeness of man. –Philippians 2:7
- Made of no reputation. –Philippians 2:7
- Made a little lower than the angels (suffer death). –Hebrews 2:9
- Made a curse for us. –Galatians 3:13
- Made to be sin for us so we could become the “righteousness of God through Him”. –2 Corinthians 5:21

But that is not all of it dear brethren! Our great Savior LIVES eternally!

In order for our Savior to continually give us VICTORY over our sins, He was made so much more after His resurrection from the dead!

- Made so much better than the angels. –Hebrews 1:4



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- Made both Lord and Christ. –Acts 2:36
- Made the surety (guarantee) of a better Covenant. –Hebrews 7:22
- Made a priest after the power of an endless life. –Hebrews 7:15-16
- Made the head stone of the corner. –1 Peter 2:7
- Made the most blessed forever. –Psalm 21:6

“But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That according as it is written, He that glories, let him glory in the Lord.”
–1 Corinthians 1:30-31

Just as there are people in our world who seek to deny us the freedoms afforded to us in our great nation, so there are those who rob us of the freedoms afforded us by so great a salvation provided by our Savior. Have you made Jesus Christ your personal Savior? Is the Lord of Glory ruling in your life?

Let us look at a few of our country's patriotic statements:

- “Swim or sink, live or die, survive or perish with my country was my unalterable determination.” –John Adams
- “Let our object be our country. Our whole country, and nothing but our country.” –Daniel Webster
- “They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.” –Benjamin Franklin

And the Words of Jesus: “If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.” –John 8:36

In 2 Timothy 1:6 the apostle Paul writes, “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.” What is the challenge? The challenge is that God is giving you a gift, now fan it in the flame. I believe that Paul saw the danger of someone as a believer having a gift or several gifts and allowing this gift or gifts to become dormant or stagnant and not being used to the fullest for the glory of God.

A word to the wise –Dr. Chuck Svoboda

RECIPES

German Potato Salad

5-6 medium Potatoes, peeled, sliced and boiled 8 minutes.

1 Onion sliced or chopped

6 slices Bacon, diced

1 Tblsp. All-purpose Flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. dry Mustard

$\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ Cup Vinegar

$\frac{1}{2}$ Cup Sugar

1 tsp. sugar

1 tsp. salt and a dash of Pepper

Mix potatoes and onion; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Measure vinegar and mix with water to make $\frac{1}{2}$ cup. Add sugar and stir to dissolve, set aside. Fry bacon in skillet until just brown. Drain reserving 2 to 3 Tbsp. of the fat. Return fat to the skillet; add flour and mustard; cook for 1 to 2 minutes. Add vinegar mixture to pan; cook until hot and creamy. Pour over potatoes and onion. German Potato Salad should be served hot. Optional: A little Sour Cream can be added to finished plate.

–Delicious and different!



Train a dog to stay away from lidded garbage cans by soaking an old sock or towel in Ammonia. Tie it to the lid handle. This works with raccoons skunks and other animals too,

To prevent rust on rakes, shovels, pruning shears and similar tools, spay with WD-40 before storing. Clean tools with a spray of WD-40 and wipt with a clean cloth.

Loosen a rusty bolt or screw with a squirt of Ammonia or a few drops of Hydrogen Peroxide.

If your car windows develop a film on the inside, clean them with a half cup Ammonia mixed with one gallon water, Ammonia cuts grease, but it is noxious; so leave doors open while doing this.

Spray WD-40 on tar spots to loosen before washing car. It can also be used to remove spattered bugs and tree sap without harming your car finish.

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*"Then said Jesus to those who believed on Him, If you continue in my Word, then are you my disciples indeed: And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."
—John 8:31-32*

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Rev. David J. Bauer's BRM Itinerary



When not preaching, Rev. David Bauer will be visiting supporting churches this month.

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- >Rev. Steve Barack, BRM Associate – Filling the next BRM assignment. Ready to go!
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- >Dr. Joe Stewart, BRM Associate – Sr. Pastor of Grace Bible Church, Dallas City, IL
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- >Rev. Jim Vyleta, Interim Pastor West Madison Bible Church, Verona (Madison), WI

Lighter Side: Atheist Day

A man was complaining to his Christian friend: "You folks have all the holidays: Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter; even Memorial Day and Independence Day have Christian connotations. Then there is MLK Day, Presidents Day, Labor Day and Columbus' Day."

"So what is your problem?" the Christian asked.

"Problem is," the man continued, "There is no day on the calendar the atheist can celebrate!"

"Oh, but there is a day on the calendar especially for atheists. April 1 –April Fool's Day!"

"The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God...' " –Psalm 14:1

BRM Special Report

Many of our BRM family may have noticed a decline in Dave Bauer's health over the last several months. After numerous tests and trips to doctor's offices, Dave has been diagnosed with a progressive neurological disorder. Dave's condition is such that he is no longer able to carry out his responsibilities at BRM. Therefore, Dave asked that we share his announcement with the entire BRM family: "I'm sorry, but I cannot continue as the director of Bible Related Ministry." Due to the nature of Dave's condition, he is severely limited in his ability to receive visitors, but he is open to taking calls when he's able. Dave and Deloris also wanted to let you know how much they love and appreciate each of you. Please pray for God's wisdom and will as they navigate through these difficult days, and stand firm with them, remembering that "God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7)."

The BRM Board would appreciate your prayers as they search for a new Director.

For updates on Dave's condition, please visit:

www.caringbridge.org/site/2ba00566-509b-11f0-8109-a38a3483e6bb