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In the Name of Jesus – To God Alone the Glory

7.4.10 Pent 6/Independence Day – St. Stephen Lutheran (West Bay) Mountain View, CA

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Columbus/Reformation 14-1500s; US Declaration of Independence 16-1700s; WWI & II

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-The Function/Effect of the Law [use chart] -read summary line!

1. The **Law** brings Bondage (*5:19-21; 13-15*)
 - 5:19-21** it is obvious... all humanity is under law; "the acts" includes thoughts
 - 5:13-15** indulge vs. serve... causing vs. not causing someone else to sin (love)

App: Galatians 5:1 stand fast – do not be entangled, yoked in these things! Help others.

Tran: Today we celebrate independence day, but see how dependent we are on Christ!

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-The Function/Effect of God's Grace (the Gospel) [use chart]

2. But **Grace** brings Liberty (*5:16-18; 22-25*)
 - "Freedom is not free." - true of country, of salvation, of "adoption" **Rom 8:15**
 - 5:16-18** freedom, at liberty to LIVE like you're adopted – effect of His payment
 - Today: Looking for independence... from law, not from Christ! I NEED Him
 - 5:22-25** Christ lives in me... keeping in step (walking) with the Spirit (yoked)

App/Sum: Gal 5:1 - The history of your salvation/forgiveness given (gift) in God's Word!

1. "The British are coming, the British are coming!" *Paul Revere*
2. "I regret that I have only but one life to give for my country!" *Nathan Hale*
3. "Give me liberty, or give me death!" *Patrick Henry*

Compare to...

- "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." *Joshua*
 "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." *Apostle Paul*
 "Give me liberty in Christ, or give me death!" *me + all believers*

-By Your Grace oh Lord, let the history of my life forever show it! **Amen.**

Philippians 4:5-7

Galatians 2:20-21 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain.

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3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?

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11-12 But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for "the just shall live by faith." Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man who does them shall live by them."

23 But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed.

24 Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

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31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

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16-18 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

19-21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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