

## Independence Day

### **Student Guide**

The Union of Sinners and Saints

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### **Theme**

Freedom

### **Objective**

The objective of this Bible Study is to lead you to a greater understanding of what it means to live a life of freedom from the chains of sin. It is important for us to get a fresh glimpse of what it means to be truly free. This Bible Study will open the door for you to embrace a life redeemed by Jesus and be motivated to leave a lasting Spiritual mark on your home, your school, your community, and your world.

**How much is Christ-like compassion & aid to the needy actually making a difference in our community?**

**How well are we reflecting and emulating the mission of Jesus?**

**How much is our culture in its darkness and need actually finding hope from those of us who proclaim Christ and his Kingdom of love and compassion?**

### **The Video**

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### **Romans 7:18-25 (NLT)**

And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.[a] I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power[b] within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

**So what does this have to do with sin?**

**Why did Paul use this term to refer to sin's grasp on us?**

**Why did Paul use this choice of phrasing?**

### **Romans 8:1-4 (NLT)**

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power[a] of the life-giving Spirit has freed you[b] from the power of sin that leads to death. The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's

control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

### **Psalm 2 (NLT)**

Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against his anointed one. “Let us break their chains,” they cry, “and free ourselves from slavery to God.” But the one who rules in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them. Then in anger he rebukes them, terrifying them with his fierce fury. For the Lord declares, “I have placed my chosen king on the throne in Jerusalem, on my holy mountain.” The king proclaims the Lord’s decree: “The Lord said to me, ‘You are my son.[b] Today I have become your Father.[c] Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession. You will break[d] them with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots.’” Now then, you kings, act wisely! Be warned, you rulers of the earth! Serve the Lord with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. Submit to God’s royal son,[e] or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities—for his anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in him!

**What “shackles” need to be broken in your life?**

**Why do the very things that set us free hold us hostage?**

**What are some things that Christ has freed you from?**

### **Matthew 6:25-30 (NLT)**

“That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? “And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?”

### **John 20:21-22 (NLT)**

That Sunday evening[a] the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.” Then he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

As you leave consider the following questions:

**What are some ways that you can “Simply Follow” Christ?**

**What areas of your life need to be “unshackled”?**

**Are you experiencing “true freedom”?**

**When was your “Independence Day”?**

Remember to daily consecrate your life and your days to follow Christ on the path of the simple. Pray to be unshackled from the sin that entangles, and for the them to celebrate their own *Independence Day!!!*