

The Fifth Freedom

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Introduction:

Remember Those Who Risked Their Lives for Us

Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters

Military Men and Women

Remember Those Who Lost Lives For Family, Friends,
Country and God

POWs, Battle Fields, Missionaries and Christians in

Hostile Areas, Jesus

I. Four Freedoms

The first 10 amendments to the Constitution make up the Bill of Rights. Written by James Madison in response to calls from several states for greater constitutional protection for individual liberties, the Bill of Rights lists specific prohibitions on governmental power. Included in the list are Freedom of Speech and Religion.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt Made his famous "Four Freedoms" speech to Congress in January 1941. According to Wikipedia: "In that context, he summarized the values of democracy behind the bipartisan consensus on international involvement that existed at the time. A famous quote from the speech prefaces those values: "As men do not live by bread alone, they do not fight by armaments alone." In the second half of the speech, he lists the benefits of democracy, which includes economic opportunity, employment, social security, and the promise of "adequate health care". The first two freedoms of speech and religion are protected by the First Amendment in the United States Constitution. His inclusion of the latter two freedoms went beyond the traditional Constitutional values protected by the U.S. Bill of Rights. Roosevelt endorsed a broader human right to economic security and anticipated what would become known decades later as the "human security" paradigm in social science and economic development. He also included the "freedom from fear" against national aggression before the idea of a United Nations for this protection was envisioned or discussed by world leaders and allied nations.

Let's Take A Quick Look At Those Four Freedoms
Mentioned in This Speech...

1. Freedom From Want

(Psalm 23:1)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I lack.

2. Freedom From Fear

(Matthew 10: 26 – 31)

26 "Therefore, don't be afraid of them, since there is nothing covered that won't be uncovered and nothing hidden that won't be made known.

27 What I tell you in the dark, speak in the light. What you hear in a whisper, proclaim on the housetops.

28 Don't fear those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; rather, fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

29 Aren't two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's consent.

30 But even the hairs of your head have all been counted.

31 So don't be afraid therefore; you are worth more than many sparrows.

3. Freedom of Speech

(Colossians 4:6)

Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.

(Mark 9:50)

Salt is good, but if the salt should lose its flavor, how can you make it salty? Have salt among yourselves and be at peace with one another.

4. Freedom of Worship

(John 4: 23 – 25)

23 But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship Him.

24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

II. The Fifth Freedom

Freedom From Sin

(Romans 6: 6 – 7)

6 For we know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that sin's dominion over the body may be abolished, so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin,

7 since a person who has died is freed from sin's claims.

No Government or No Leader
Can Confer That Freedom

Freedom From Sin Can Only Be Granted or Given By
King Jesus

(Romans 5: 6 – 8)

6 For while we were still helpless, at the appointed moment, Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For rarely will someone die for a just person— though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die.

8 But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!

Conclusion:

Remember Those Who Fight and Die For Our Freedom,
Especially Christ the Lord!