

# Freedom!

## Part I; July 4, 2010

**How much do we REALLY know about our freedom?**

**According to legend, which of the following women sewed together the first American flag?**

- a) Dolly Madison b) Martha Washington c) Eleanor Roosevelt
- d) Betsy Ross

**Who was the primary author of the Declaration of Independence?**

- a) Benjamin Franklin b) George Washington c) Thomas Jefferson
- d) John Adams

**What actually happened on July 4, 1776?**

- a) The first battle of the Revolutionary War was fought.
- b) The Second Continental Congress declared independence from Britain.
- c) The Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Second Continental Congress.
- d) The Declaration of Independence was signed.

**Who wrote “The Star Spangled Banner?”**

- a) John Phillip Sousa b) Francis Scott Key
- c) Katharine Lee Bates d) Samuel Francis Smith

**Which of the following did NOT sign the Declaration of Independence?**

- a) Samuel Adams b) Benjamin Franklin c) John Hancock
- d) George Washington

**“Freedom’s Debt!”**

**Acts 12:1-19**

**Our freedom has a debt rooted in ancient history!**

“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

– Genesis 17:7 (NIV)

“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands.”

– Deuteronomy 7:9 (NIV)

**Our freedom is a result of heroic sacrifice!**

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

– John 15:13 (NLT)

**Our freedom is a result of the faithfulness of the saints of God!**

I remember your genuine faith, **for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice.** And I know that same faith continues strong in you.

– 2 Timothy 1:5 (NLT)

**Our freedom is a result of the grace and intervention of God!**

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. **He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities.** He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

– Colossians 2:13-15 (NLT)