

## Mid-Week Stewardship Thought

### The Cost of Freedom



On July 4, 1776, the thirteen colonies in America declared their freedom from Great Britain in the Declaration of Independence. July is a month when Americans are especially grateful for the privilege of living in this country. Much blood was shed and many lives lost, and, at this time of year, we take time to honor those who fought to liberate us. We recognize that our freedom has been won at great cost, and, at this time of year, we take time to honor those who fought to liberate us.

Our spiritual freedom, too, was won at great cost. We were slaves to the Law which we could never fulfill, but Christ satisfied its requirements for us. He shed His blood and gave His life to pay the penalty for the sin we incurred, for the freedom we now have as we live in Him. Let us honor Him as we express our gratitude by sharing with others the message of our freedom in Christ.

**Prayer:** Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for all the blessings You have poured out on us and our wonderful country. Bless our leaders and institutions. Keep our troops safe. Amen.

**Blessings on your stewardship journey!**