

**'THE REALLY GOOD LIFE'**  
*(The Life of Christ Series)*  
**Luke's Gospel**

**Happy Liberation Day!**

**Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1944** was a horrible, wonderful day for the United States Territory of Guam. It was the beginning of the most tragically, triumphant weekend in history for all participants of the battle for Guam. As American troops courageously took back the Island, many of their souls left their deceased bodies and went into eternity. Many Japanese troops died as well and surrendered their immortal souls to await Judgment Day for their crimes against God and humanity. As the battle raged between them, Chamorro captives also yielded their souls in the terrible combat for the liberation of Guam on Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1944. ***Liberation was awesome, but costly!***

75 years later, the Island celebrates that costly emancipation of the place many of us call *home*. Today, descendants of the enemy, emancipators, and indigenous people can celebrate together with thankful hearts for the blessed victory of the freedom we enjoy today. Without that liberation, Guam would not be what it is today – free and prosperous and safe under the continuing protection of the United States of America. Undoubtedly it would be a much different story if our Island had not been liberated that day – a different language would be spoken, a different religion would have dominated and a different flag would be flying above our heads today. ***Liberation changes everything forever!***

**Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, AD 30** was also a horrible, wonderful day for the human race on planet Earth. It was Passover in Jerusalem, the start of an even more tragic and triumphant weekend of spiritual warfare to liberate enslaved souls from the evil occupation forces of Satan and his savage mob of fallen angels (***Hebrews 2:14-15***). Through the Lord Jesus' courageous sacrificial death, three-day burial, and resurrection on Sunday morning, sin was condemned and forgiven, Judgment Day was averted, everlasting death was defeated and Satan's demonic forces were doomed to eternal damnation in hottest depths of the abyss in the Lake of Fire. ***Liberation brings eternal consequences.***

On the historic summit of the battlefield of Calvary, an empty cross stands as a symbol of liberation for all who have been emancipated from sin, judgment, death, and hell by Christ's substitutionary sacrifice that day. Only those who take shelter in God's grace at the cross where His Son, Jesus, took our place experience freedom to live and serve the Savior (***1 John 5:11-13***). ***Liberation is a precious gift.***

**Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 is Liberation Day** for all who call Guam their home. It's time to celebrate and remember those who liberated the Island 75 years ago. It is also Liberation Day spiritually (*as it is every Lord's Day / **Acts 20:7, 1 Corinthians 16:1-2, Revelation 1:10***) for those who have come with repentant, reverent hearts to the Lord Jesus Christ (*plus no one or anything else / **John 14:6***) for ***liberation from sin and its consequences forever.***

Thus, worshiping the Lord for His eternal love and liberating grace in Christ is first priority today and every Sunday for sincere Christians: “...***Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching (the Day of Christ's return for total liberation of the planet / **Romans 8:21-23**) (Hebrews 10:23-25).***

***Happy Lord's Day! Happy Liberation Day!***

## **“Should Have Been A Farmer!”**

*(Basic Christian Discipleship – Sowing, Shining, Standing Together)*  
Luke 8:11-21

### **Disciples of Christ Spread God’s Good News**

*(The Bible exists to transform lives)*

*“Now the parable is this: The seed is the Word of God . . . the (good seed) that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the Word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with endurance.”*

**8:11-15**

*(additional insight – Matthew 13:8, 23, 37-38; Mark 4:8, 20, 26-29)*

### **Disciples of Christ Let Their Light Shine**

*(The Church exists to dispel darkness)*

*“No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand that those who enter may see the light. For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. Therefore **take heed how you hear.** For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”*

**8:16-18**

*(additional insight – Matthew 6:14-16; Mark 4:21-25)*

### **Disciples of Christ Bring in the Sheaves**

*(The Rewards await faithful ‘sowers’)*

*“Then (Jesus’) mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. And it was told Him by some, who said, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You.” But (Jesus) answered and said to them, “My mother and My brothers are these who hear the Word of God and do it.”*

**8:19-21**

*(additional insight – Matthew 12:46-50; Mark 3:20-21, 31-35)  
(rewards for witnessing – Daniel 12:2-3, Revelation 3:7-8, 10-11)*