



The Liberty Bell is an iconic symbol of our country's hard-fought independence from the tyrannical rule of the British crown. The bell was originally hung in the steeple of the Pennsylvania State House, now known as Independence Hall. Being devoutly Christian, the Pennsylvania Provincial Assembly ordered the bell to be inscribed with words from the Bible: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Lev. 25:10).

Work on the bell, including its inscription, was commissioned in 1751, 25 years before the Declaration of Independence was signed, and long before the bell would be known as the Liberty Bell, underscoring the immense value that colonial legislators placed on the concept of freedom. Between 1753 and 1846, the Liberty Bell, "...rang to mark the signing of the Constitution, and the deaths of Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and Thomas Jefferson."¹

There are many symbols of our freedom as Americans: the Liberty Bell, the American flag, the Declaration of Independence, and the Statue of Liberty. Yet above them all is one symbol that represents true freedom for every person everywhere: ***the Cross***. The Cross liberates the soul and sets us free eternally from the penalty of sin.

By the Cross, Jesus Christ redeems those who believe, purchasing us at a great cost, rescuing us, and delivering us from the curse of the broken law and the sentence of eternal condemnation.

The Bible declares that Christ "redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13). Although He never sinned or broke the law, Christ willingly took our sins upon Himself and bore the curse in our place.

When we trust in Christ and His sacrificial work for us on the Cross, we are delivered and set free from all our sins.