

CELEBRATING FREEDOM!

Happy independence day weekend! July 4th is a day to celebrate the greatest country on the planet. A day to give thanks to God for all He has done and is willing to do for our nation. It's a day to pledge our allegiance to do all we can to be part of God's plan for America to be a light to the world.

It was John Adams (1735-1826) who said concerning July 4th, *"It will be celebrated...with pomp and parade..bonfires and illuminations from one end of this continent to the other"*.

In other words, don't let this day be like every other. Let it be a day of thanksgiving, gratefulness and exuberant joy that God had allowed each one of us to be a part of "The American Experiment". God bless America and God bless our President!

Tomorrow (07/05) there are several opportunities for worship. In person worship on campus (10:00am & 12:00pm), drive-in church (92.1fm), and online (Facebook: Calvary Inverness).

We continue our brand new study in the book of 1 Thessalonians (3:1-13). It was written to a healthy, vibrant church that had been founded by Paul on his second missionary journey.

After challenging the church to live life in such a way that they could be confident of the abundant rewards that would be given to them, at the judgment seat of Christ, Paul then wrote concerning his concern for their conduct.

His desire was they would be found blameless at the coming of Christ for the church. He prayed they would live everyday like it was their last. That they would constantly keep their eyes upward, expecting to hear the trumpet and be caught up in the air to be with Jesus.

Believing the Lord can come at any moment has a purifying effect on one's life. Having been given a new nature, there is an innate desire to please the Lord.

Knowing that Jesus' return is imminent, there is also a sense of urgency. An understanding that what one does for Christ cannot be delayed.

Finally, there is a willingness to arrange life's priorities so as to have the ability to maximize the time here on earth.

Believing in Jesus effects where you spend eternity. Believing He could come at any moment affects how you live while you wait.

Look forward to our time together. Please pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the entire Calvary Chapel family.

Awaiting His Return,
Pastor