

# Jesus' Freedom Bill (1 of 2)

It has "gone through" Calvary...will you sign it?  
John 8:9-12 & Colossians 2:13-15  
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*Last week we said, when we hear Jesus say, "It is finished" we think of, something needing done, a way existing to get it done and it getting done.*

Today we see that Easter means Jesus **REALLY** got it **DONE!**

<sup>12</sup> *For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.*

<sup>13</sup> *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.***

<sup>14</sup> ***He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.***

<sup>15</sup> ***In this way, he disarmed<sup>[d]</sup> the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.*** Colossians 2 NLT

*Easter begins with the problem of sin. It is finished with the final sacrifice for it. BUT For us, it is really completed with my personal identification with His death and resurrection.*

Easter offers **FORGIVENESS** for sin and **FREEDOM** from sin.

The **PRICE** of sin is paid.

The **POWER** of sin is gone.

The **PRACTICE** of sin is no longer a norm.

*Easter is where the perceived freedoms of today meet the personal freedom of the empty cross!*

Two sides of slavery:

- NEWSPAPER: **PREVIOUS** moral values.
- BIBLE: To be ruled by **EARTHLY** values.

Two sides of freedom:

- NEWSPAPER: To do what I **WANT** (or "am").
- BIBLE: To **BREAK** a pattern and live His **BEST**.

"I want to do what I want to do when I want to do it"

Vs.

"I want to be free to be all He wants me to be!"

## DRIVING IT HOME BEFORE WE DRIVE HOME

Our world is now **beyond** tolerance.

It **aggressively** promotes many sinful behaviors.

God wants us forgiven **AND** freed from sin and back in union and fellowship with Him.

- Do I know Calvary has forgiven and paid for my sin?
- Am I seeking freedom from my sinful acts and thoughts?

Next week: Part 2 from Romans 6