

Jesus' Freedom Bill (2 of 2)

It has "gone through" Calvary...will you sign it?

John 12; Romans 6

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Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

John 12

Grace with no change becomes presumption. We become as spoiled children. Our sin is wrapped in shiny paper called diversity, tolerance and progressiveness.

These are good words but their application has been broadened from grace and love into dilution & neglect of Biblical standards.

In Romans 6 Paul shares three themes. Together they form a collage of the resurrection as a life changer.

DEATH & NEW LIFE

OFFERING & SACRIFICE

SLAVERY & SERVICE

Let's unpack this a bit,

1. Sin is in my life by
 - My PERMISSION not
 - It's AUTHORIZATION

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Four words/phases make this obvious:

- CRUCIFIED
- lose its power
- no longer SLAVES
- SET FREE

This challenges us to win our battles and not simply RENAME them or EXCUSE OURSELVES.

2. OFFERING motivates me more than OBEDIENCE 13-14

The law has value.

But, OFFERING my life speaks of,

- Purity of MOTIVATION.
- PROGRESS toward a CAUSE.

CLOSING

In life, as in sports, we need good "defense" and good "offense" to win.

"Defense" = basic disciplines & boundaries.

"Offense" = assertive progress & new growth!

Good to have and maintain salvation but GREAT to go the extra mile in personal growth!