

*"For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband." **Romans 7:2 KJV***



A woman married a man who became cruel and demanding. Each morning he made a list of things he wanted done by the time he got home. If she failed to complete it, she was severely berated and sometimes beaten. One day, her husband died in an accident. She met another man, fell in love, and they married. Each morning she was greeted with a kiss and an, "I love you" as he left for work. He often brought her flowers or gifts upon his return. One day, while cleaning, she rummaged for a pencil, and found one of the old lists her previous husband had made. She laughed out loud as she read it, for now, not only did she do more than ever before, she enjoyed doing it. Love had made the difference! True believers know the depths of condemnation and abuse of sin that enslaves and destroys. They truly love the gracious Saviour who delivers them, and are ever wooed to His side by His goodness and provision. They joyously labor to please Him in all they do with zealous attention to every detail. Now they labor out of love instead of fearful duty. *"We love Him, because He first loved us. If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed! Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."* Jesus satisfied every jot and tittle of the Law's penalty. Those who trust God's Word and obey it are forever freed from the yoke, bondage, and penalty of sin! Jesus lovingly awaits our repentance of our sin. *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* Forgiveness is freely given every spot forever cleansed. *"This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more."* When Christ died on Calvary He became *"the propitiation (atoning sacrifice) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world"* and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Your debt is forever paid, but you must receive the gift! *As many as RECEIVED Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: For by grace are ye saved THROUGH FAITH; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God: FAITH cometh by hearing, and hearing by the WORD OF GOD. In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD WAS GOD. And the WORD was made flesh (Jesus), and dwelt among us, and we (the writer, the Apostle, John.) beheld His glory.* When you believe and obey God's Word, You receive Christ for He is the *Word made flesh!*

Loosed from the law! Oh, can it be,
That Christ, my KING, did die for me?
He left His throne in heav'n above,
And loosed my chains with boundless love! ~CGP

Each time you sin, remember: Jesus Christ lovingly bore the torment, guilt, and penalty of that sin alone on Calvary for you. Each sin you commit is another pang of agony, another lash of the whip, or fist in the face of the LORD you claim to love! If you do not love Christ, you will remain bound to fearful duty instead of enjoying glorious liberty of zealous love! Those who love Jesus trust and obey God's Word and are free at last, forever!

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, 'If ye continue in my Word, then are ye my disciples indeed: And ye shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall MAKE you free.'" John 8:31-32 KJV