

WHO WILL RESCUE ME?

Romans 8.1-4

To be instantly freed from sin's influence would be a marvelous thing. Although there are some who would make light of their struggle with sin, for those who take seriously their walk with Christ there is a keen awareness of the reality of that struggle. It *is* real.

Romans 7.15-25

Paul struggled with the same conflict you and I experience. It was the struggle of his attempt to live for Jesus. And here he openly shares that struggle with us. By being transparent, he seeks to be an encouragement. By sharing his struggle, he hopes to free us from ours. He had come to the end of his rope.

It is apparent that Paul had come to see his self effort for what it was: not enough! Now he will share with us the key to being free at last.

What? – There Is Now NO Condemnation

The first thing we need to understand is that sin does not have ownership over us.

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.” Romans 8.1-2

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.” John 1.12

How? – GOD DID IT by Sending His Own Son

“For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man.” Romans 8.3

What Jesus Christ did when he went to the cross could be called the greatest transaction in history. There he made a complete payment for our sin. Jesus Christ took our sin on him on the cross.

Why? – So That WE MIGHT LIVE by the Spirit

*“And so he condemned sin in sinful man, **in order that** the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.”*

Romans 8.3-4

Finally we need to understand that sin cannot control us. God is **now** at work in us. Sin cannot control us because God is at work **in** us to change us.

“For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son.”

Romans 8.29

When? – NOW There is No Condemnation

By Christ's death on the cross he has freed us to be his.

