

# Deliverance From the Power of Sin

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## Providing Deliverance and a New Standard

The purpose of the cross is to give us deliverance from the power of sin. We will see how Christ delivers us from the power of sin, and changes us from the law of death to the law of life.

(Romans 8:2) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

(Romans 7:22-23) For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: (23) But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

(Romans 8:7) Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

In another translation “the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus” is translated “the standard of the Spirit who gives life through Christ Jesus.” “The law of sin and death” is translated “the standard of sin and death.” “The law of God” is translated “the standard of God.” And “the law of my mind” is translated “the standard of my mind.”

We are all going to have a standard in our life, whether we know it or not. One standard leads to death and the other standard leads to deliverance and eternal life. The standard of the mind of people who are not spiritual are against God. This standard rejects the authority of God’s standard. This standard leads to death. Only the standard of righteousness leads to deliverance and life. This is why Jesus went to the cross, to give us the power to have deliverance and a new standard in our life, one that leads to eternal life with Him. (Romans 8:3) For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

The purpose of the cross is to set us free from the enslaving power of the corrupt life. It is the will of God that we be set free from our sins and our old standard. (Galatians 1:3-4) Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ, (4) Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father.

Living in a sinful nature only produces corrupted sins. God does not want to see His people living this way because it brings dishonor to Him and death. (Romans 7:5, BBE) For when we were in the flesh, the evil passions which came into being through the law were working in our bodies to give the fruit of death.

The purpose of the cross is to destroy the penalty of sin that brings death. The law of Moses shows us that we are all sinners and that we need God’s help to be set free. (Romans 8:3) For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh.

The purpose of the cross of Christ was to provide us with a standard that give life not death. As far as providing this standard of life, Christ did it all. This is the only standard that will deliver us from the power of sin. Now that we know that deliverance from our sins is available, let us make the appropriate steps to receive this deliverance.

## Receiving Deliverance and the New Standard

There is a difference between providing something and receiving it. There are steps that we need to take so that we can receive deliverance from our sins and a new standard that will keep us.

We read in Romans 8:2 that the standard of the Spirit of God is the standard of life and sets us free from the standard of sin and death. This happens when we allow the Spirit of God to change our old life for a new life, our old standard for a new standard. When we turn to the Spirit of God for help, then we receive the quickening power of the Spirit to help us.

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(Galatians 5:24-25) And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Those that belong to Christ have crucified the flesh so that the law/standard of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus can set us free from the law/standard of sin and death. (Romans 8:10) And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

When we turn to the Spirit of God for help, then He gives us His counsel, knowledge, and strength so that we can understand the standard of righteousness. This standard of righteousness will set us free from the standard of sin and death. (Isaiah 11:2) And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

It is an "inward principle or standard of life within us," as we exchange the old life for a new life. When we open our heart to the Spirit of life, then the Spirit of God dwells within us giving us new life, a new standard, and we walk in newness of life. This is how we are set free from the law of sin. As the Holy Spirit takes possession of our inner man, we are then set free from the sinful nature and we are now walking in the Spirit.

The Bible tells us that it is the will of God that we put off our corrupt nature and put on God's standard of righteousness. (Ephesians 4:22-24) That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts. (23) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; (24) And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Christ's purpose in going to the cross was to bring sinners into His death. This is the only way that we can be delivered from our sins. As we accept Christ as our Savior and are water baptized into His name, we are buried with Him so that we could be delivered from our sins and have a new standard to guide us. (Romans 6:4-6) Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (5) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness* of his resurrection: (6) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

Buried with Christ in baptism will deliver us from our sins. (Acts 2:38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Now we are to walk and live as Christ did. (1 John 2:6, GW) Those who say that they live in him must live the same way he lived.

By faith we live in the new standard. And this keeps us delivered from our sins. (Galatians 2:20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

By living in this new standard, we are delivered and dead to sins, and alive in Christ. (Romans 6:11) Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The purpose for the cross of Christ is to provide deliverance from our sins. As far as providing deliverance, Christ did it all. As far as receiving deliverance, we must put to death our old standard by repentance, water baptism in name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and walking in the standard of God.