

“WHAT DOES THE CROSS MEAN TO MY SIN?”

Free Indeed!

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Introduction

John 8:34 - *Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.”*

Q: Slavery is such an ugly word. What does it mean to be a “slave of sin”?

Genesis 4:4-7 - *and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”*

Q: How does a person become enslaved?

Sin is not only an action or a thought, it has a _____ with an _____ nature to it.

John 8:32 – *You will know the truth and the truth will make you free.*

Q: What is the truth that Jesus is referring to?

Q: What does it mean to be free?

True freedom is not without _____.

Romans 6:17-18 - *¹⁷But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, ¹⁸and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.*

Romans 6:22-23 - *²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Justification delivers us from the _____ of sin.

Sanctification delivers us from the _____ of sin.

Justification is _____ and _____ in an event.

Sanctification is a _____ journey.

Justification never needs to be _____.

Sanctification must be _____.

Justification gives you the _____ of Christ.

Sanctification gives you the _____ of Christ.

Two thoughts to picture and ponder.

1. The visual picture of Jesus’ teaching.

John 8:8-11 - *And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”*

John 8:56-59 - *Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹At that point they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden from them and left the Temple.*

2. The path to freedom leads to our Father.

John 8:38 – *“I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”*

Conclusion