

CRUCIFIXION LEFT US

COLOSSIANS 2:13-15

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Believers are neither under bondage to the Law nor above it. At the cross Christ defeated the spiritual bondage that held us hostage.

NO GUILT. With forgiveness there is no guilt. You are a righteous child of God, accepted and loved deeply by Christ, and without stain or blemish. (**Colossians 2:13, fn 2:13-15, Hebrews 10:1-4, fn 10:3, Romans 4:6-8, fn 4:6-8, Romans 5:5-11, fn 5:5, 6, Romans 8:31-39, fn 8:34**) *How could you, by faith, not feel guilty about your life before Christ?*

NO DEBT. Because we broke God's Law, we owe a penalty or debt. The only way this debt can be paid is with the blood of Christ. The laws we broke were nailed to the cross, His blood was given, and our debt was paid. The final payment for breaking the law was accomplished by Jesus' crucifixion. Therefore, Christ is the end of the law for believers. (**Colossians 2:14, fn 2:14[2nd], Hebrews 9:22, fn 9:22, Leviticus 17:11-14, fn 17:11-14, Romans 7:1-4, fn 7:2-6, Romans 10:4, fn 10:4**) *Do you owe Christ for His time spent on the cross for you? Explain.*

NO BONDAGE. The satanic and demonic opposition to God's redemptive plan was defeated when Christ was crucified and rose from the dead. Christ enemies are our enemies. Because Jesus with all His power lives in us, we must not let Satan have any control in our lives and those of our family and loved ones. (**Colossians 2:15, I John 4:4, fn 4:4, I John 3:7, 8, fn 3:8, 9, Hebrews 2:14, 15, fn 2:14, 15, Mark 1:21-28, fn 1:23, Luke 4:31-36, fn 4:36, James 4:7, Ephesians 6:10-12, fn 6:12, Acts 16:16-18**) *How and in what authority would you pray against the activity of Satan in the lives of your loved ones?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.