

In Christ: The Arena of Freedom (Part 1)
(Galatians 2:4; 5:1, 13)

**Three Freedom "Thieves": Sin Consciousness (Ro 6); Law Consciousness (Ro 7);
Fear Consciousness (Ro 8)**

In Christ, We Have Freedom From Sin (for Righteousness) - Ro 6:1-11

- Through our death in Christ - Ro 6:4-7

...an objective and judicial freedom from sin and its penalties - Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; 2:13

...a subjective and personal freedom from sin and its power - Ro 6:2,6,11,12-14

- So we may walk in the newness of life - Ro 6:4,11

...we are free NOT to sin - Ro 6:12

= "dead to sin" - sin no longer the primary operative power in me - Ro 6:6,11

= "alive to God" - the temptation is "against" Christ living in me - Ro 6:10-11,16

(Want to walk in your freedom in Christ? Walk by these words, "In Christ I am dead to sin and alive to God.")

In Christ, We Have Freedom From the Law (for Grace) - Ro 7:4-8:4

- The Law of God cannot give "Life" - Ro 8:3 (cannot justify, sanctify, glorify...)

...The ministry of the law - I Tim 1:8-9

= reveals sin (Ro 7:7); arouses sin (Ro 7:5,8-9); empowers sin (I Cor 15:56)

= defines sin (cannot deliver from it); condemns sin (cannot remove condemnation)

= IT KILLS! - Ro 7:10,11

- Only the grace of God can give life - Ro 8:3,4

...Grace releases us from the law - Ro 7:6

...Jesus Christ met the requirement of the law and gave His life to us - Ro 8:4; 10:4

...The ministry of grace - Ro 6:14

= still reveals sin, but without condemnation - Ro 8:1

= Arouses and empowers righteousness - Ro 7:1-6

(Want to walk in your freedom in Christ? Walk by these words, "In Christ, I am not under law, but under grace.")