

# FREEDOM FROM THE PATTERN OF SIN

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**ROMANS 6:14 NKJV – (14)** For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

In **JOHN 8:11b**, Jesus made a startling statement to the adulterous woman that hounded me for a long time. The statement was, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.” Why did this hound me? I ask the question how can Jesus say such a thing? For this lady, it was a way of life! But I thank God for revealing the above passage and giving me a much clearer explanation.

After understanding our identity in Christ and calculating that identity to our account, we must also yield to it. We have a choice before us, either we let sin reign in the mortal body (**ROMANS 6:12**) or to offer ourselves to God. (**ROMANS 6:13**). Sin wants to boss us around, using our passions and lusts as weapons for unrighteousness (**ROMANS 6:13**). And though we wish that God would just take the desires of the flesh away at that point of salvation, he doesn't.

Those desires remain with us, but since He gives us the Spirit, we now have the power to say “No.” The key to enjoying this power is recognizing that we as believers are under a different authority. When we realize and submit to Christ's rule over us, regardless of our emotions, the flesh progressively loses its domination and the grace of God is activated in our lives. We then obey because of our relationship. We are no longer bound to the fleshly based legalistic rule of law.

This woman experienced Christ.

This woman heard the words of Christ.

Jehovah Nissi - protected her from those who wanted to condemn her.

Therefore, the bible doesn't say much about the future of this woman, but let it be a lesson for us today. We don't have to be prisoners of the patterns of sin. We heard or read what Jesus said, “Be free.”

## SCRIPTURE READING

**GALATIANS 3:22**

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We are creatures with a sin nature, but we don't have to be prisoners of it.

“A JOURNEY OF THE HEART”