

Believing What God Says

- Luke 7:36-50 -

- A. Have you dealt with guilt of sin long enough?
- B. Do you find yourself in a state as Paul did in **Romans 7:24**, a “*wretched man, who shall deliver me...*”?
- C. The answer is **Romans 7:25**...

1. Can We Be _____ ?

- A. **Romans 7:25** says “YES” - in Jesus...
- B. **Proverbs 16:16** says, “*By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for; and by the fear of Jehovah men depart from evil*”.
- C. Victory is not in our corner. We cannot stop ourselves from sinning with the “power of the mind” or a “strong will”.
- D. Notice **Romans 5:6-9**. Forgiveness and freedom is in God’s corner through Jesus. This is the reason Jesus came to the world (**Luke 19:10; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Corinthians 5:21**).
- E. Our choice is believe in Him or hold on to the guilt and handle sin and salvation yourself, which is useless (**1 Corinthians 1:25-31**).

2. _____ ?

- A. Consider the story of **Luke 7:36-50**. This woman offers her body, heart, mind, and soul (**Matt 22:37**).
- B. She hears Jesus say, “*Thy sins are forgiven*” (**v.47-49**). Does she believe Jesus? He tells her “*Go in peace*” (**v.50**). Can she go in peace knowing what she has done?
- C. Do you believe what God says about you in scripture? Hebrews 8:10-12; Psalm 103:12; John 3:5; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 John 1:9; and 2 Corinthians 5:17...
- D. There is no need to fear what Jesus can do (Luke 5:8-10).
- E. If God came right out of heaven and said, “I forgive you. Trust me” Would you believe what He said?

3. Being Led by the _____

- A. Once forgiven, having received the “*newness of life*”, how should I live? It is when I believe what God does for me in Jesus something changes in me (**2 Corinthians 5:17**).
- B. Consider **Romans 6:6-11**. “*we believe*” we are alive unto Christ.
- C. We are “*God’s workmanship*” (**Ephesians 4:22-24**).
- D. If we were to sin again, what do we do? Do we use a ‘mind over matter’ exercise? **1 John 2:1,2** says our advocate is Jesus Christ. He is our deliverer (**Romans 7:24,25**).
- E. Those in Christ are free because of the “*law of the Spirit of life in Christ*” (**Romans 8:2**) and should walk in the Spirit of Christ (**v.5-11**). Being heavenly minded the flesh loses its appeal.