



- 1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
- 1Co 7:23 Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.
- Mt 13:46 Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.
- Mt 27:6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.
- Mt 27:9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;

### Barabbas

(Matthew 27:15-26) Now at that feast the governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? For he knew that for envy they had delivered him. When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. Pilate saith unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus which is called Christ? They all say unto him, Let him be crucified. And the governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

(Mark 15:6-15) Now at that feast he released unto them one prisoner, whomsoever they desired. And there was one named Barabbas, which lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude crying aloud began to desire him to do as he had ever done unto them. But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? For he knew that the chief priests had delivered him for envy. But the chief priests moved the people, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? And they cried out again, Crucify him. Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him. And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

(Luke 23:14-25) Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people: and, behold, I, having examined him before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: No, nor yet Herod: for I sent you to him; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him. I will therefore chastise him, and release him. (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.) And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.) Pilate therefore, willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. But they cried, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him, and let him go. And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required. And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired; but he delivered Jesus to their will.

(John 18:38 - 19:1) Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all. But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him.

1. The innocent Jesus stood trial for guilty man.
  - A. Nothing gave evidence that Christ was guilty:
    - i. The perfection of Christ

*Galatians 3:13 says,*  
*“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a*

*curse for us - for it is written, 'CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE'."*

ii. The pronouncement of Pilate

- *Ro 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation** through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*
- *1Jo 2:2 And he is the **propitiation** for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*
- *1Jo 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** for our sins.*

2. The savage crowd spoke for generations gone by.

Jesus wasn't the only One on trial that day. All of humanity stood guilty in the courtroom of Deity that day.

*The crucifixion of Christ was the crowning sin of our race. In his death we shall find all the sins of mankind uniting in foul conspiracy. Envy and pride and hate are there, with covetousness, falsehood, and blasphemy, eager to rush on to cruelty, revenge, and murder. As all the rivers run into the sea, and as all the clouds empty themselves upon the earth, so did all the crimes of man gather to the slaying of the Son of God.*

*—Charles Spurgeon, Spurgeon at His Best, p. 47*

3. The shameful Pilate secured the release of more than one man.

- *Ro 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*
- *Ro 5:16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.*

- *Ro 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.*
- *Isaiah 53:4-5  
Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. (KJV)*

I am free from failure for  
 "I can do all things through Christ  
 who strengthens me.  
 Phil.4:13

I am free from want for  
 "my God shall supply all my need  
 according to His riches in glory  
 in Christ Jesus"  
 Phil:4:19

I am... free from fear for  
 "God hath not given us the  
 spirit of fear, but of power,  
 and of love,  
 and of a sound mind."  
 2Tim1:7

I am ... free from doubt for  
 "God hath given to every man  
 the measure of faith."  
 Rom. 12:3

I am free from weakness,  
 "for the Lord is the strength of my life."  
 Ps.27:1

I am ...free from the power of Satan  
 "for greater is He that is in me than  
 he that is in he world."  
 1Jn.4:4

I am ...free from defeat  
 "for God always caused me to

triumph in Christ Jesus."  
2 Cor.2:14

I am free from ignorance,  
"for Christ Jesus is made unto  
me wisdom from God."

1Cor.1:30  
I am ...free from sin  
"for the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses  
me from all sin."  
Jn.1:7

I am free from worry  
"for I am...to cast all my  
cares upon Him."  
1Pet.5:7

I am ...free from bondage  
"for where the Spirit of the Lord  
is, there is liberty."  
2 Cor.3:17

I am free from condemnation,  
"for there is there fore now no  
condemnation to them which  
are in Christ Jesus,  
who walk not after the flesh,  
but after the Spirit."  
Rom. 8:1

I am free from discouragement because there is  
encouragement in Christ, consolation of love,  
fellowship in the Spirit, affection and compassion.  
Therefore, I can make my joy complete by being of  
the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in  
spirit, intent on one purpose... Have this attitude in  
you which was also in Christ Jesus."

I am free from aimlessness as the goal of my  
instruction is love from a pure heart and a good  
conscience and a sincere faith. (2 Tim 1:5)

I am free from the tyranny of want as the Lord is  
my Shepherd therefore I will have everything I  
need. (Psa 23)

I am free from tyranny of sin. (Rom 6)

I am free from control of lust of the flesh, eyes & pride because my love for the Father supercedes all. (I Jn 2:15,16)

I am free from fruitlessness as I know that whatever a man sows that will he also reap. So let us not be weary in doing good for in due season we will reap if we faint not. As we therefore have opportunity let us do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (Gal. 6:6-9)

I am free from all needs as "His divine power has granted to me everything pertaining to life and godliness through the true knowledge of Him who calls us by His own glory and excellence and His precious and magnificent promises." (2 Pet 1:3,4)

I am free from inadequacy as He makes me adequate as servant of a new covenant not of the letter but of the Spirit. (2 Cor 3:5,6)

I am free from a shortage of blessings as I am blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. (Eph. 1:3)

*--source unknown*

*When I survey the Wondrous Cross by Isaac Watts*

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my life, my soul, my all.

*Jesus Paid it all by Elvina Hall*

Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.  
For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim,  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

Refrain

And now complete in Him  
My robe His righteousness,  
Close sheltered 'neath His side,  
I am divinely blest.