The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Rom. 5:8 <u>But God</u> demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (NIV)

I must declare something this morning. I am so glad that I don't get what I deserve! If I did, I would never know the love and forgiveness of a Holy God. I would certainly be lost, with no hope for eternity. My sins would weigh against me and my punishment would be justified. Such is what Paul was stating in the beginning of Romans chapter five. Read verses six and seven: You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God...

We were powerless to earn our salvation. We were powerless to say 'no' to sin. We were powerless to live a godly life. We were hopeless and helpless, doomed to be separated from God forever. BUT GOD! Oh, my brothers and sisters, can you just dwell on this amazing grace for a while today. Let it soak down to the very core of who you are. Let it remind you today of His great love for you. Let it bring forgiveness to those who have wronged you. Let it sing praises to the only One Who deserves them. Let it marinate your soul with joy! This is the day that the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! We received death through our sins, but now eternal life through our Savior! Can I get an AMEN?

Dear LORD, You have demonstrated Your love for us over and over again. Your redemption is complete. We are made new and holy and clean. We praise You! We love You! In Jesus Name, Amen