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- **This Great Adventure! Matthew 10.7-10**
- **Building/being nets of safety for the world Mt 4.19 one another! Rom 12.4,5**
- **Functioning as disciples, holding onto the words of God; to present the gospel *as it was once delivered to the saints!* Jude 1.3**
- **Running on the fuel of love that will go the distance of a lifetime! John 14.15-17**

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- Enabled to do what is right *just because it is right...* a choice of *justification* in Christ or *sanctification* over time!
- *Freed from condemnation* by our *justification* so we can follow without fear of rejection when we fail!
  - “Being *justified by faith*, we have peace with God through Jesus, *by whom we have access into the grace whereby we stand and rejoice...*” **Romans 5.1,2**

# Justified!



- “For when we were without strength, according to the time, *Christ died* for the ungodly... *being now justified by His blood* we are saved from wrath through Him... As one trespass [Adam’s] brought condemnation upon all men, one act of righteousness [Jesus] brought justification and life for all men!”

**Romans 5.5-18**

# Justified!



- “So, shall we continue in sin so that grace abounds? God forbid, how will we that are dead to sin live any longer in it? Don’t you know that as many of us as have been baptized into His death should walk in the newness of life? He that is dead is justified from sin... so don’t let sin reign in your mortal body!”

**Romans 6.1-12**

# Justified!



- “You know that you were redeemed from your vain lifestyles by the precious blood of Christ! **1Peter 1.18,19** So, I beg you to abstain from fleshly lusts, *which war against your soul*, and display an honest lifestyle for the world to see!” **2.11,12** “*As free, don’t use your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God!*” **2.16**

# Justified!



- “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has set you free and don’t become entangled again with the yoke of bondage... Brothers, you have been called to liberty but don’t use it as an occasion to sin, use it, by love, to serve one another!” **Galatians 5.1,13**
- “No good soldier entangles himself with the affairs of this life so that he can please the one he serves!” **2Tim 2.3,4**

# Justified!



- “So, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which does so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of God... so don’t get weary and faint in your minds!”

**Hebrews 12.1-3**





**All of that to say:  
“We no longer face  
condemnation! Get up and  
go and sin no more!”**



**“There is therefore now no  
condemnation to those  
who are in Christ!”**

**Romans 8.1**



**But, we are not freed to  
go back to our old life,  
'relieved' of the death  
penalty of sin...**



**“Being then made free  
from sin we became the  
servants of righteousness!”**

**Romans 6.18**

# What do you think?



- **What happened to the lady?**
  - It's okay to put yourself into the narrative to explore the world of God!
- **Do you think she went back to her old life? Lifestyle?**
  - What if it was her way of feeling loved?
    - Where would she find love now?
    - Who would be her affirmation?
    - What would give her identity?

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    - “It's just what girls like me do...”
    - Where would she find restoration, value, self-esteem?

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  - What if it was how she earned her living?
    - What would a new career path look like?
    - What would it require of her to adjust?
    - What battles would she face?

# What do you think?



- What happened to the lady?
- Do you think she went back to her old life? Lifestyle?
- Do you think she followed Jesus?
  - Nameless sinner: “Forgiven much, loves much...” **Luke 7.46** Weeping at His feet!
  - Mary Magdalene: “Out of whom went seven devils!” **Luke 8.2** D-E-V-O-U-T!
  - Our profile lady any less? **John 8**





**True discipleship  
requires behavior  
modification whether by  
immediate (justification) or  
process (sanctification)!**

# So, what do you think?



- **Can you believe she began living a new existence!**
  - **Forgiven and set free... “caught in the very act of the ‘theft’...”**
  - **Certain she told her story over and over...**
    - **Which would only get traction as a testimony of continued freedom!**
  - ***I can believe she went and sinned no more!***
  - ***Freeing many others from condemnation!***

# So, what do you think?



- That we shouldn't be the condemners!
- That as forgiven and free we should, and can, go and sin no more!
- That there is no price too high...
  - “If anyone wills to come after Me, let them deny themselves, and take up their cross daily, and follow me.” **Luke 9.23**
  - “But count the cost to be able to finish, so that you will not be mocked!” **Luke 14.26ff**

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  - “What fruit did you have in those things that you are now ashamed of doing? The things that ended in death!” **Romans 6.21**

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  - “I count all things as loss for the excellency of knowing Christ and count them as refuse... to be found in Him!” **Phil 3.8,9**

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- And...That we should be reconcilers, like Christ!



**“What Are We Going To Do Now?”**