

## **Your Master's Dead! Quit Taking Orders From Him!**

2<sup>nd</sup> Step - Lesson 7

**What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.**

**Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. But now that you know God—or rather are known by God—how is it that you are turning back to those weak and miserable principles? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again?... Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman. [from Galatians, chapter 4]**

**We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. [Romans 7:14-17]**

**Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [Galatians 5:24-25]**

**Step 2: "We came to believe that a power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."**

You were born into slavery, and you were conditioned from the start to do whatever your master said without question. But the master's now dead. Jesus rose from the dead, kicked down the master's door, and handed his gun to you and told you, "You can do the honors." The master's dead, and you're not a slave to him any more.

But your slave conditioning runs deep! You find yourself doing some things without question simply because that's what the master had told you to do. You do it because you think you have no choice. You're free, but you still find yourself living like a slave, and doing what the master wanted you to do!

- What are some harmful things you find yourself doing because you think you have to do them?

- What happens when you realize, “I don’t have to do this any more! The master who ordered me to do this is dead!”?