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**FREEDOM**

# The Cost of our Freedom

The Cross





Only through the sacrifice of Jesus  
Can we find peace, hope and  
**FREEDOM**



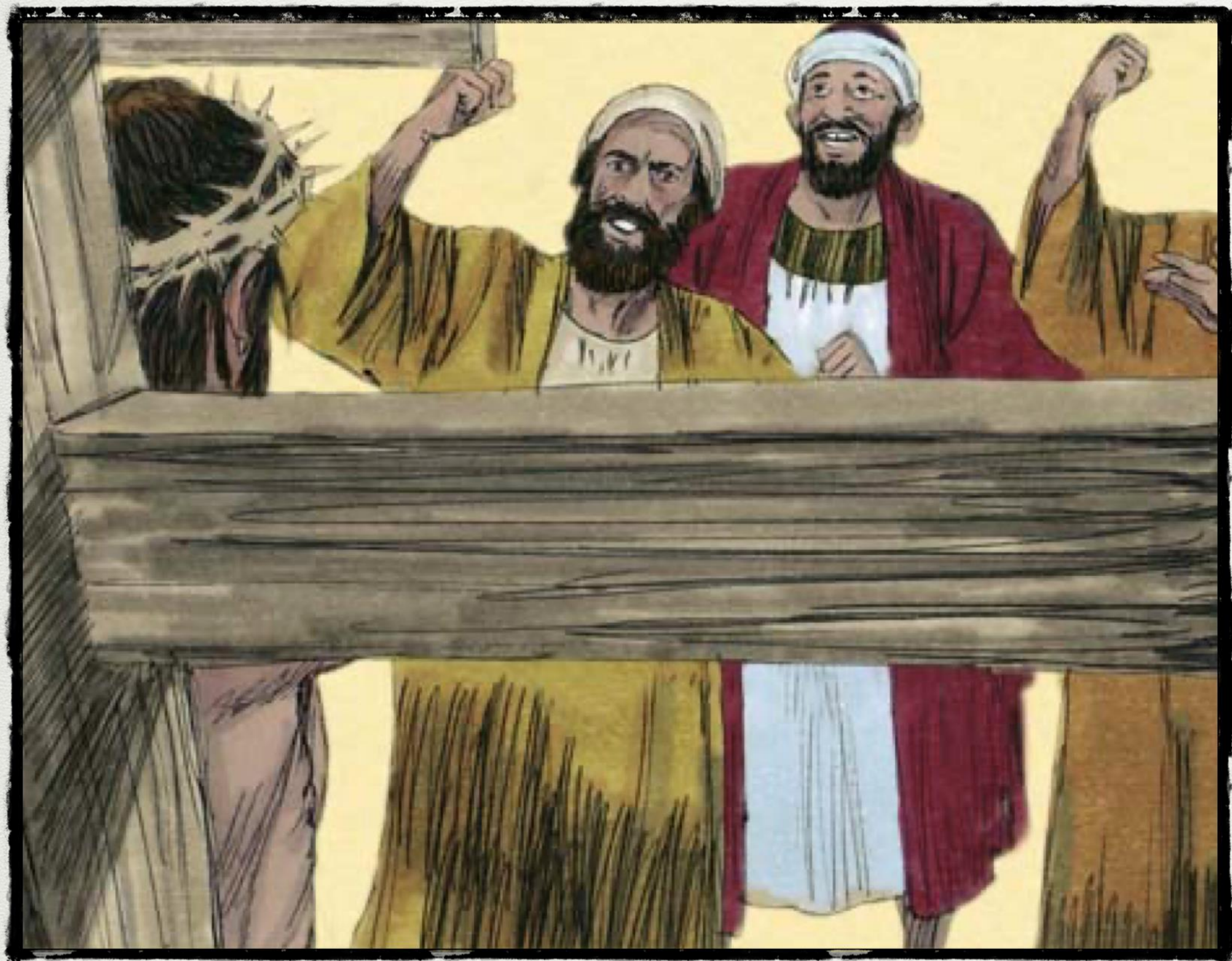
Only Through the cross  
can freedom be found



Only through Jesus sacrifice  
Can we be made new

- Without the pain...
- Without the sacrifice...
- Without the power of the resurrection and His final victory of sin and death...
- We would still live defeated, we would still be groping in darkness, we would still be bound.





- To some in the world the cross makes no sense...
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- “For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

- To others in the world the cross is an offense. They are offended by the sacrifice. They are offended by the Truth that Jesus paved the **ONLY** way for us to be saved. They hide under the false belief that there must be another way to come to God.

- 1 Peter 2:1-8

- **“THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED, THIS BECAME THE VERY CORNER stone.”** 1 Peter 2: 7



- To many people the cross of Christ stirs up hatred. There has always been and continues to be an intense attack on those who call themselves followers of Christ.
- Acts 7: 51-60 The Stoning of Stephen
- “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.” John 15:18-25



# The world does not comprehend this one truth

- The world **CANNOT** overcome the power of the Cross and the resurrection of Christ.
- The world will never conquer Christ - it cannot hide Him away or pretend He doesn't exist.
- The power of Christ is incapable of being shut away, ignored, forgotten or destroyed. Ever.



# What Jesus' sacrifice on the cross does for us



- Jesus' sacrifice at the cross is a bridge for us - a way to God
  - It gives us the opportunity to have a personal relationship with the very God who made us and who loves us.
  - Without the cross, there is no way to cross over to the other side into a relationship with Him - any attempt will fail.
    - He is the **ONLY** way.

# What Jesus sacrifice on the cross does for us



- Jesus gives us *the only way* to get out of sin and into righteousness
- John 13:36 - 14:6
  - “Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.’” John 14:6

# What Jesus sacrifice on the cross does for us

- It provides opportunity for forgiveness of sin
  - Ephesians 1:3-14
  - “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace...” Ephesians 1:7



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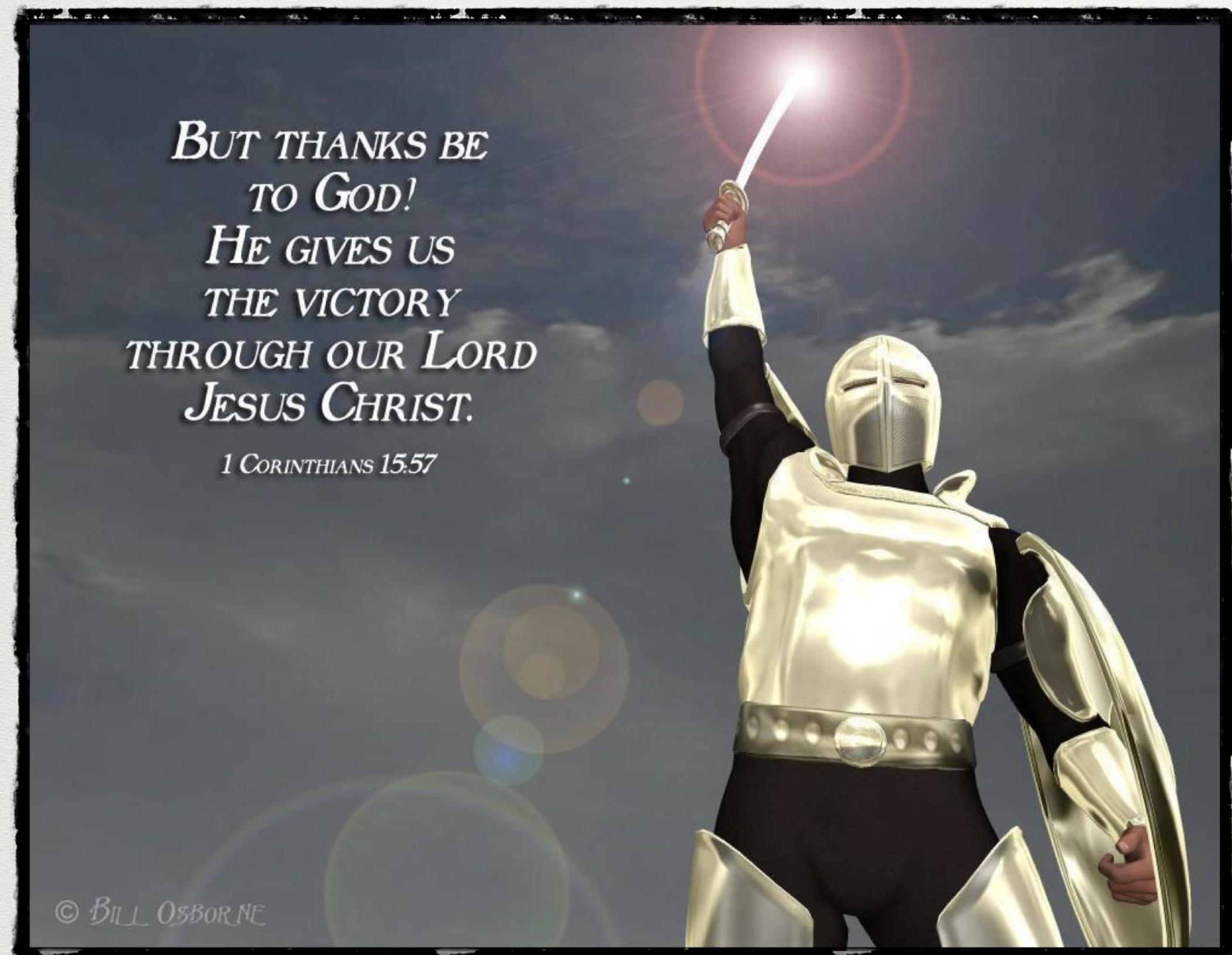
- It provides **FREEDOM** to all those who believe
- John 8:31-38
  - “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.” John 8:36

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- It provides new life. We are not only forgiven, cleansed and set free, but we have a whole new life and destiny through Christ.
  - 2 Corinthians 5:14-17
  - “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, the new things have come.” 2 Corinthians 5:17



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JESUS CHRIST.*

*1 CORINTHIANS 15:57*

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- It provides the way to have victory over the enemy.
- 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
- ...“but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” I Corinthians 15:57

# What Jesus sacrifice on the cross does for us

- It provides for us an eternal heavenly home
- 1 Corinthians 2:6-9
- “...no eye has seen, nor ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.” 1 Corinthians 2:9





In Christ, we have FREEDOM