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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Rom. 8:1-2 *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit Who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (NIV)*

Two things are mentioned here for those who are in Christ Jesus. Even though we were guilty, we are now declared as 'not guilty.' We are set free. Why? Because Christ Jesus paid it all for us. And secondly, we have been given 'life.' We have been set free from the chains of sin. We no longer bound in the life of sin but instead, we can live without that bondage anymore. Paul had reminded the believers in Rome of this in **Rom. 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our LORD. (NIV)*

Now this should remind us not to take for granted, the price that was paid for us to live this full and abundant life. **2 Cor. 5:21** *God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (NIV)* This should cause us to ask the question, why would the LORD do this for us? Why would the One Who hates sin become all sin for us? It is because of His great love for us.

When we receive this kind of love, it compels us to do all that we can to abide in the arms of the One Who paid it all for us. Let us be constantly reminded of the price that was paid and the love that was given. **John 15:13** *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, You are the One Who gives life. We were guilty but took the blame and penalty for us. We have been set free from the law of sin and death. Praise You LORD! In Jesus Name, Amen