

Donna's Devotional

Nailed to the Cross

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross. — Colossians 2:14

We have ordinances (laws) in our society and when we break them, we may be given a citation. This citation is a piece of paper telling us what law we broke and how we can pay the penalty. Can you imagine how many citations you would have if you received one every time you broke God's law?

God gave us His law and when we break it we are guilty. We are known as a lawbreaker whether we break one or one thousand laws. Galatians 3:10 states, "*Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.*"

Jesus not only took our sin to the cross, He took the laws that we have broken and nailed them to the cross. He took away all our citations. He took them out of the way forever. The law is against us because it is impossible to meet its holy demand.

Jesus shed His blood to pay the penalty for our sins. He paid all the fines and penalties we owed. Yes, He paid our enormous debt for disobedience to God's law, and He paid it in full.

In Bible times, financial records were kept on parchment. The writing could be washed off. This is the example that Paul uses. How could a holy God cancel my debt? His Son paid it all. Christ's blood washed the record clean. Jesus did more than meet the obligation for our debt. He took away the law that condemned us. He delivered us from the law (Romans 7:6). Our relationship with Christ allows us to obey out of love not out of fear. *Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe.*