

"GOD BROKE THE YOKE AND SET THE CAPTIVE FREE"

-Christina's Testimony-

My name is Christina. I started using drugs at the age of 14. My father was the one who showed me everything about the "drug lifestyle". He was a drug dealer and taught me everything he knew. I was so caught up in the drugs that they had taken control of my life. I could not go a day or a minute it seemed without it so I had to sell drugs or myself to get them. I ended up stealing from my family and others I knew to support my habit. For a better part of the 20 years that I was addicted to drugs I really did whatever I had to do to stay high. Most of the time I went from being with one drug dealer to another. Living life in the "fast lane" as they call it is what I called myself doing. I thought I had it all; I had money, cars, drugs and a whole bunch of people that I thought were friends. I was always at the clubs at the casinos searching for some peace from the "life" that I was living. My life was full of hopelessness, shame from the way I lived my life, multiple suicide attempts, I was in and out of jail and ended up going to prison for selling drugs. You would think that going to prison would set me straight but it didn't. I ended going back to the same old thing and ended up getting my grandmother's house raided. In 2005 DEA agents raided my grandmother's house with my whole family inside. I had surveillance cameras and the whole 9 yards and didn't even see them coming. As I sat in jail I cried out to God and said "I cannot live like this any longer. Please help me!" He heard my cry that day. I ended up bailing out of jail and got myself into a drug program. It was there where I ended up going to the F.O.L.D. Church. I was looking at 15 years for the case that I was facing. God did a mighty miracle in my life. I remember standing in the courtroom with the judge and him telling me that there was nothing that he could do. That he had to send me to prison because of my priors. On my sentencing date that same judge said to me that in the 18 years that he had been on the bench he had never done anything like this...but he sentenced me to 9 years that day but said I could complete the drug program that I was in. That was in 2006. Since then I have quit smoking, drinking and using drugs. I gave my life to the Lord and that was the best thing I have ever done. Hallelujah!