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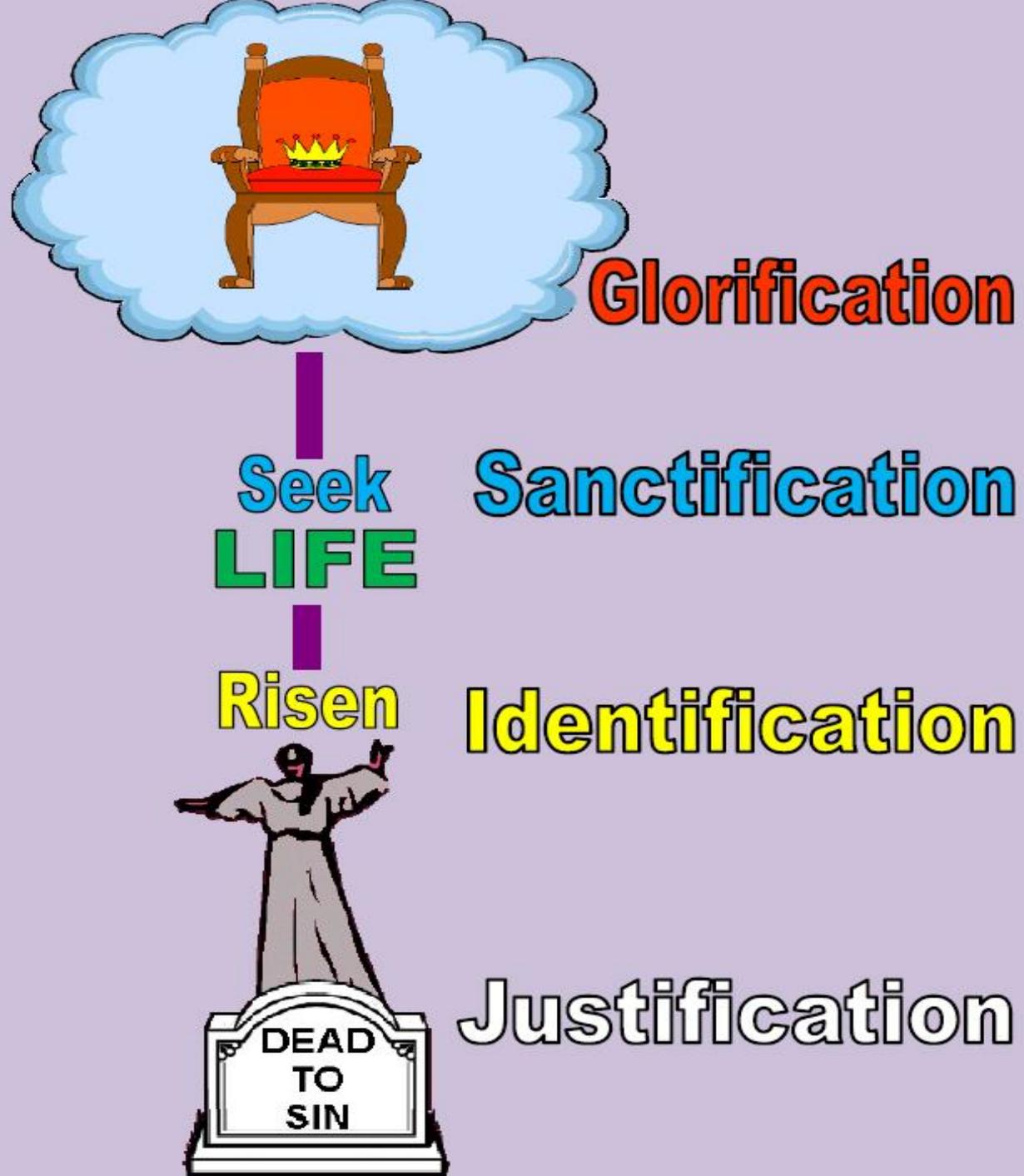
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# WHERE, BY WHO & HOW IS VICTORY FOUND?

{Romans 8:1-4}

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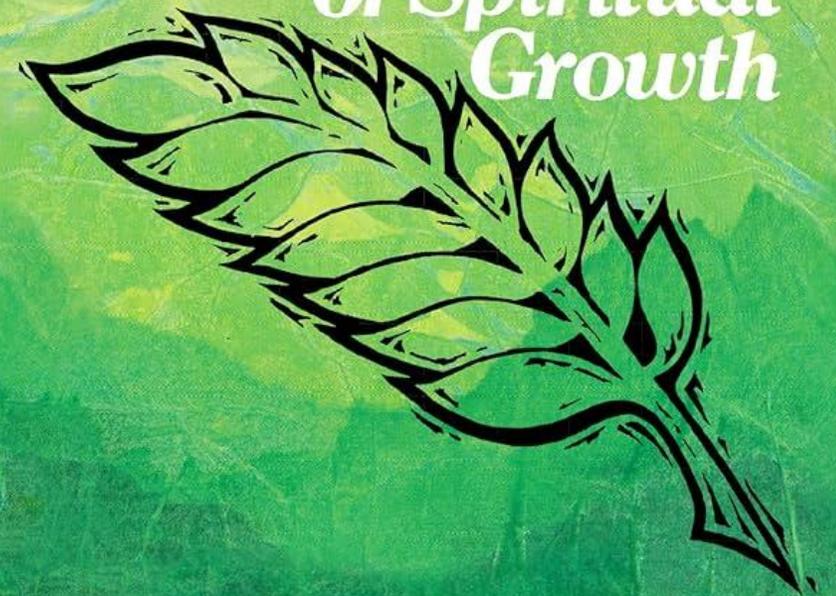


Miles Stanford states, “*Our Father knows that we are weakness incarnate; that we can do nothing. The trouble is that we do not know it. He must bring us all to the place where we see that we are utterly weak and helpless.*”

Miles J. Stanford

# The Green Letters

Principles  
of Spiritual  
Growth

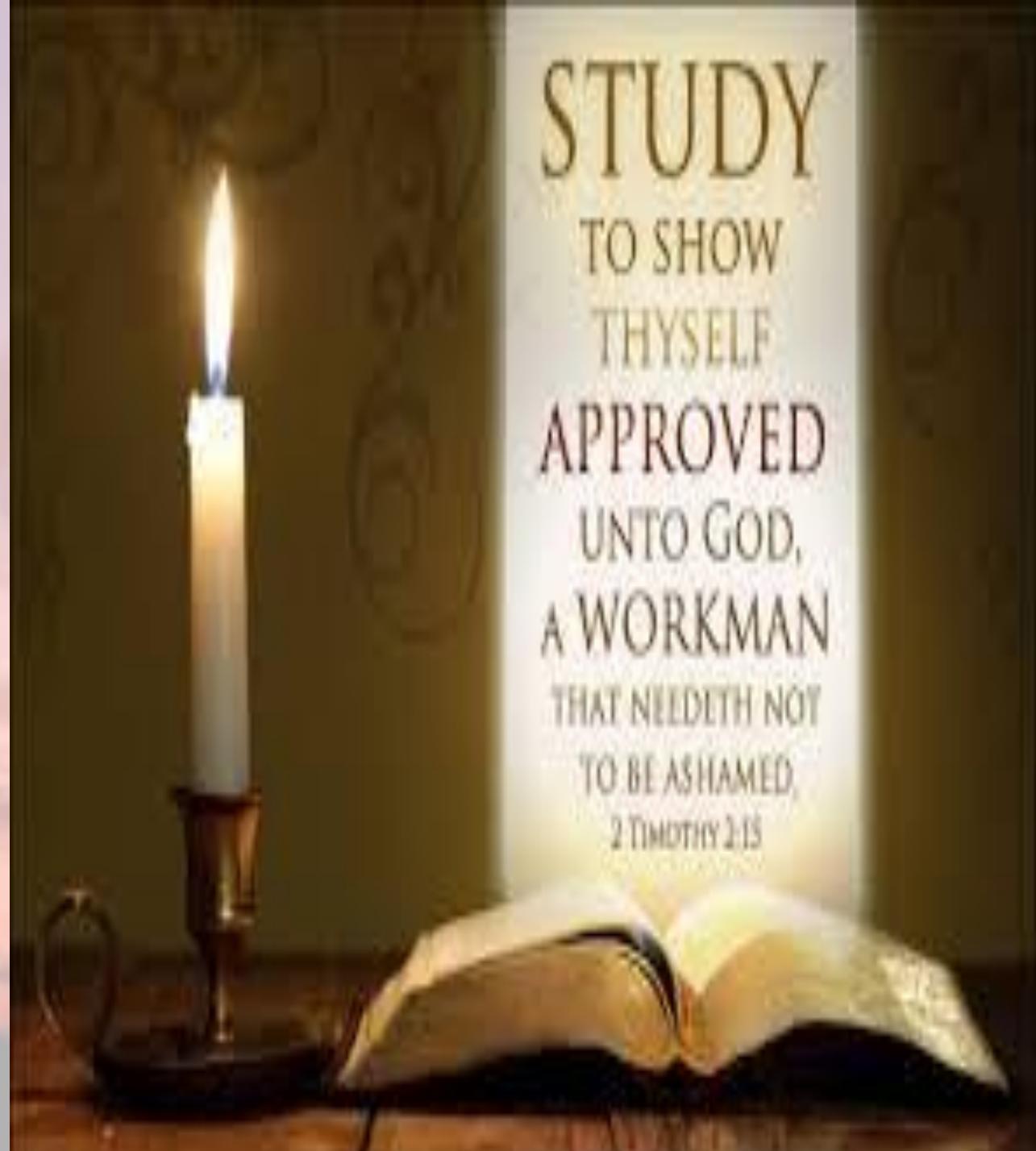


• **If you could...  
successfully be saved  
from Hell and go to  
Heaven by your good  
works, you would not  
need TO PLACE  
YOUR FAITH IN  
JESUS CHRIST.**





• **If you could successfully live the Christian life based upon your own wisdom, you would not need to STUDY THE SCRIPTURES.**



• **If you could successfully live the Christian life by your own strength, you would not need the INDWELLING AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



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{6:1-10}
- B. **PRACTICAL** SANCTIFICATION.  
(6:11-14)
- C. **PERSONAL** SANCTIFICATION.  
(6:15-23)
- D. **POWERLESS** SANCTIFICATION  
(7:1-25)
- E. **POWERFUL** SANCTIFICATION  
(8:1-17)



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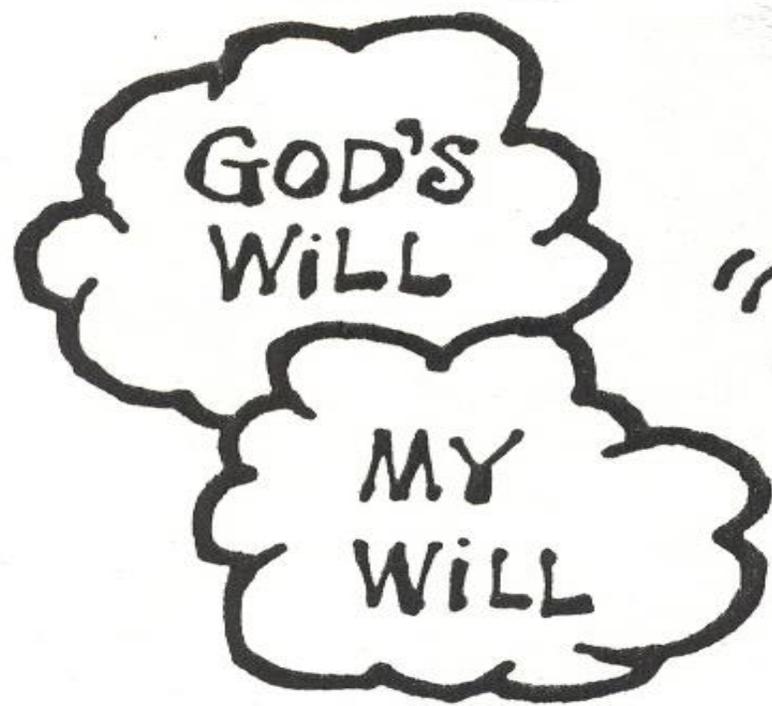
Not that we are  
sufficient of  
ourselves to think  
of anything as  
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ourselves, but our  
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3. That he could not **PREVENT SIN**, nor **PRODUCE** practical **RIGHTEOUSNESS** in his life by sheer **WILL-POWER** and **SELF-EFFORT**.  
(7:15-23)

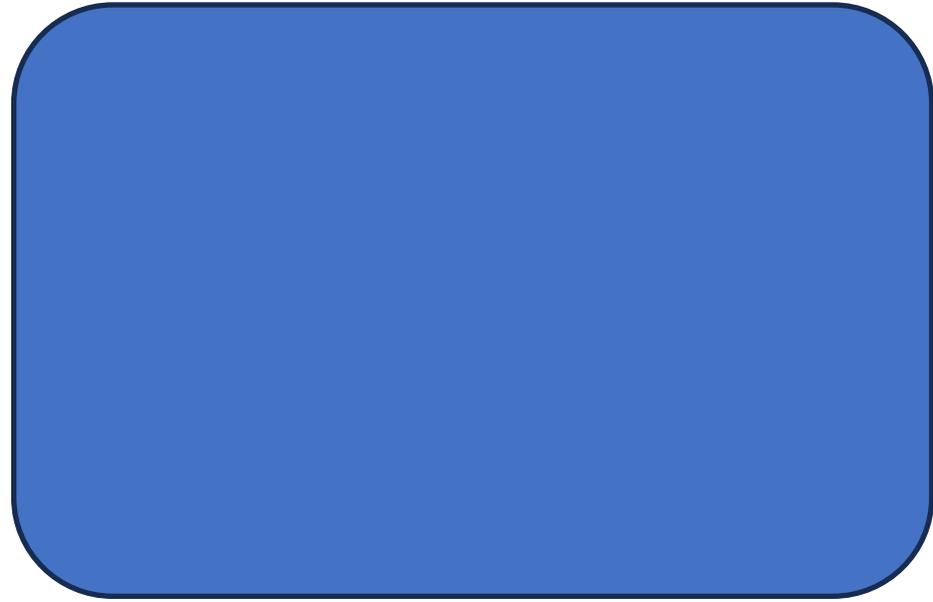
While knowing the truth of Romans 6, and desiring to serve Jesus Christ, how did Paul end up in Romans 7?

He defaulted into self-dependence --- instead of dependence upon the Lord!

In doing so, he focused on himself instead of Christ as His life and began living by law instead of by grace through faith in Christ.

- How does Christian life legalism miss the boat and lead you to Romans 7?

It focuses you on your performance and production instead of abiding in Christ through dependence upon Him to produce fruit and divine good in you and through you.



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4. That a believer can live in miserable failure and frustration if he does not understand or appropriate God's way of **DELIVERANCE** over the sin nature.  
(7:24)

**Romans 7:24** O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

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5. That just like salvation from sin's penalty, salvation from sin's power involves a focus and faith in **JESUS CHRIST** and His grace provisions, not on oneself. (7:25)

**Romans 7:25** I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

*“Contrary to general opinion, there is no place for self confidence in the Christian life, Confidence is essential, but not from the source of self as the awakened believer is so keenly aware of the sinful self life. For him, self confidence is out of the question. In time, his old, wretched man complex is replaced by I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord Christ, confidence is the basis for the healthy Christian walk. Sinful Self confidence is the basis for the sickly Christians defeat.”*

Lewis Sperry Chafer wrote,  
“Any aspect of life and conduct which is undertaken in dependence on the energy of the flesh is, to that extent, purely legal in character, whether it be the whole revealed will of God, the actual written commandments, or the exhortations of grace. Dependence on the arm of the flesh is consistent with pure law; dependence upon the power of God is demanded under pure grace.”



## **A. A VICTORIOUS PROCLAMATION.**

*“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” (8:1)*

**1. Why is this proclamation needed in your life?**

**Because of the frustration, failure, and despair of Romans 7.**

H.A.I - *“In Romans Seven Paul is describing the inevitable conflict that every believer knows when he undertakes to lead a holy life on the principle of legality. He feels instinctively that the law is spiritual, but that he himself, for some unexplained reason, is fleshly, carnal, and in bondage to sin. This discovery is one of the most heart-breaking a Christian ever made. Yet each one must and does make it for himself at some time in his pilgrimage.*

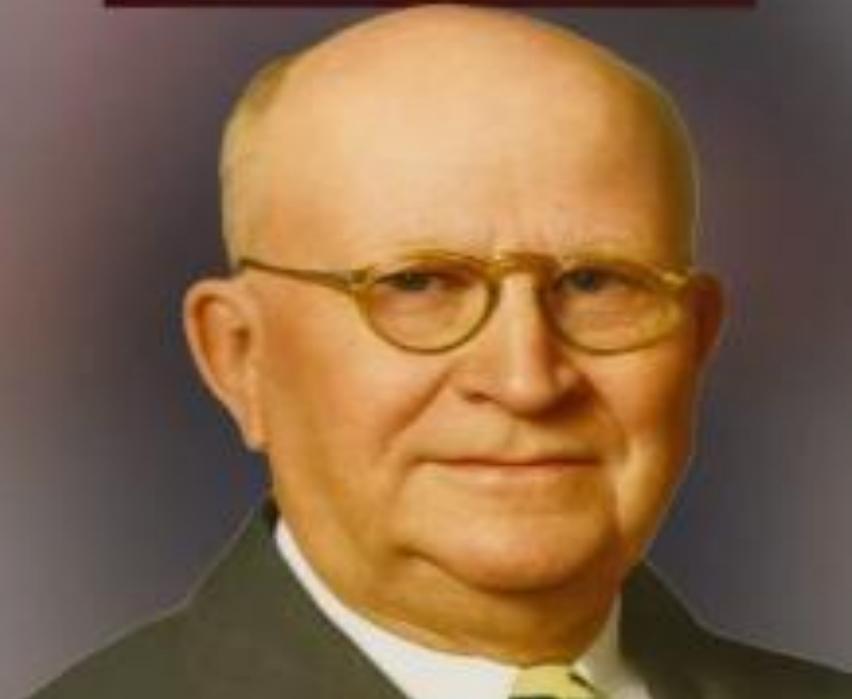
*“The believer finds himself doing things he knows to be wrong, and which his inmost desires are opposed to; while what he yearns to do he fails to accomplish, and does, instead, what he hates. But this is the first part of a great lesson which all must learn who would matriculate (enroll) in God’s school. It is the lesson of no confidence in ‘the flesh’; and until it is learned there can be no true progress in growth. The incorrigibility of the flesh must be realized before one is ready to turn altogether from self to Christ for sanctification, as he has already done for justification.” -H.A.I.*

*“The man in Romans Seven is occupied with himself, and his disappointment and anguish spring from his inability to find in self the good which he loves. The man of Romans Eight has learned there is no good to be found in self. It is only in Christ; and his song of triumph results from the joy of having found out that he is ‘complete in Him.’” - H.A.I.*

## HOLINESS: THE FALSE AND THE TRUE

THE “SECOND BLESSING” &  
“HIGHER CHRISTIAN LIFE”  
EXAMINED

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- **God wants us to have an attitude in which we daily *present* ourselves to Him in light of His mercies, so that *obedience* to His will can result in our lives.**
- **Yet we have seen in Romans 7 that we are *powerless* in ourselves and through our own strength to *live* the Christian way of life.**
  - **Therefore, when we *try*, we will fail;**
  - **when we seek to *live* by law, we will fail;**
- **But when we live by His grace, trusting in the Lord and being *enabled* by the Spirit, then He can *succeed* in *producing His righteousness* in our lives.**

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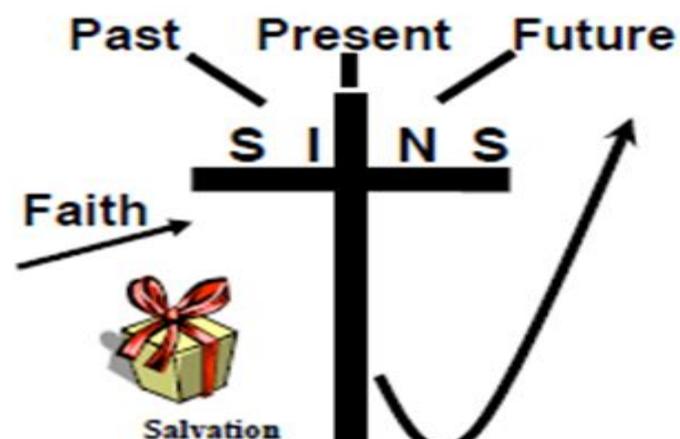
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# SALVATION BY GRACE

Deliverance in Stages 1, 2, and 3 of Salvation  
All Deliverance is by God's Grace Provision

## Stage #1 Justification

*Saved from the  
the Penalty of sin  
(Past Tense)*



## Stage #2 Sanctification

*Being saved from the  
Power of sin  
(Present Tense)*



## Stage #3 Glorification

*Will be saved from  
Presence of sin  
(Future Tense)*



**Believer in Time**

Titus 3:5  
Ephesians 2:8-10  
John 3:17

1 Timothy 4:16  
James 1:21  
Philippians 2:12-13

Romans 5:9-10  
Romans 13:11  
1 Corinthians 3:15

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- 2) **Option #2 – Because you are in Christ, you are not condemned to live a life of servitude to your sin nature positionally (Romans 6) or practically (Romans 8)!**



My POSITION ...the way  
God sees me in Christ.

# Positional Truth

Romans 6:11

*Col. 3:1-4*



Death

*Rom. 6:6*

*Col. 2:9-12*



Burial



Resurrection

*Rom. 6:4*



Ascension

Session

*Rom. 6:5*

"present yourselves to God  
as being alive from the dead..."



**2 Corinthians 5:14-15** For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; 15 and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

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**“now”**

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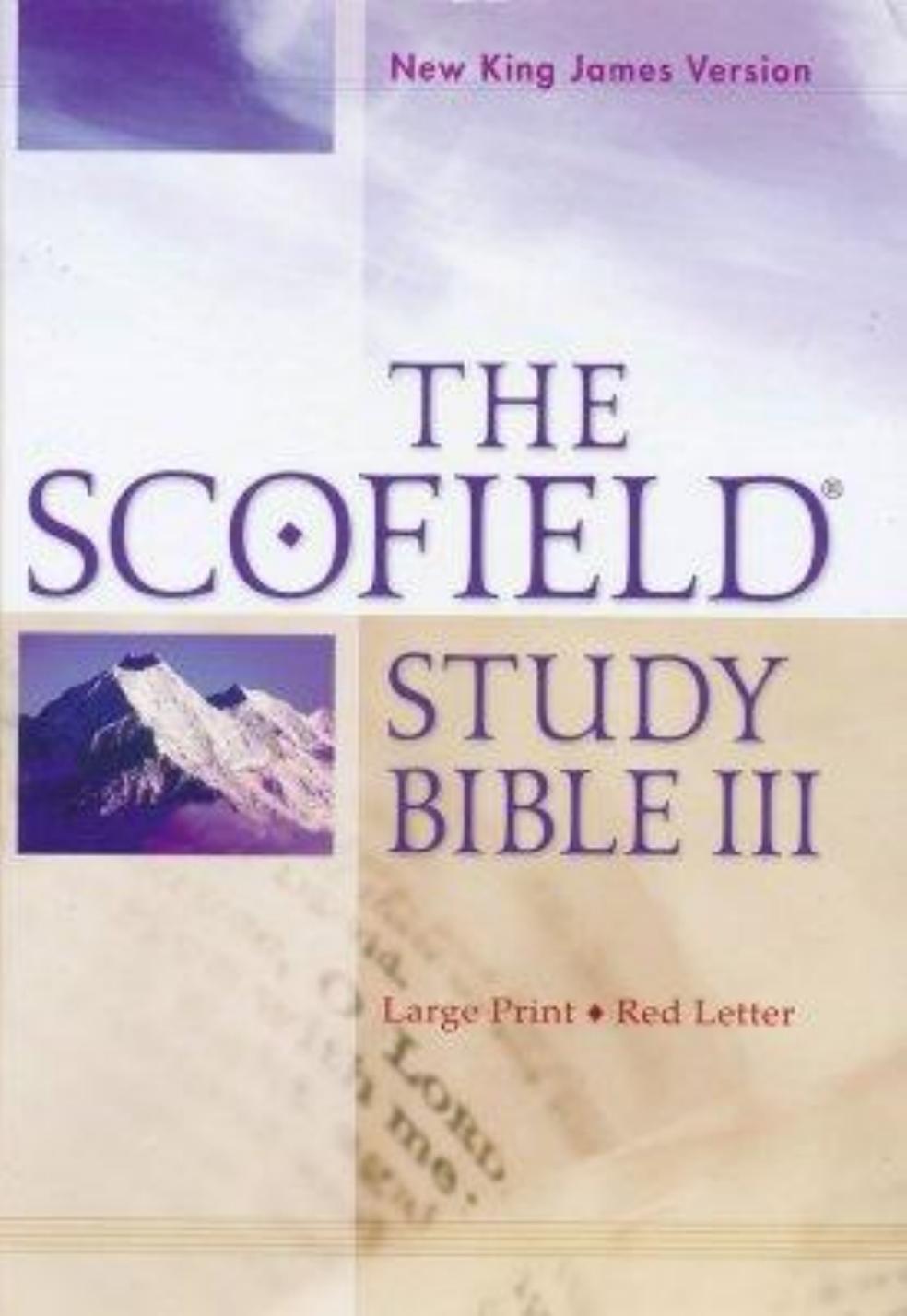
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- 5. What about the last half of vs. 1?**

**It was interpolated or carried over from verse 4.**

Scofield Bible note: “Who walk ...” – The statement ends with "Christ Jesus"; the last ten words are interpolated {from vs. 4}.



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**1. What does this freedom involve?**

**“For the LAW of the SPIRIT of LIFE IN Christ  
Jesus HAS MADE ME FREE...”**

The Christian life is lived, God's way, by active dependence but passive production on your part! God the Holy Spirit is the power-source of the Christian life – not you!

- Romans 7 – “Spirit” (1x – 7:6)
- Romans 8 – “Spirit” (21x)



- **What was true regarding the Holy Spirit in past ages and dispensations?**

**HE WOULD COME AND GO  
TEMPORARILY ON SELECT BELIEVERS  
FOR A SPECIFIC TASK.**

**“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”**



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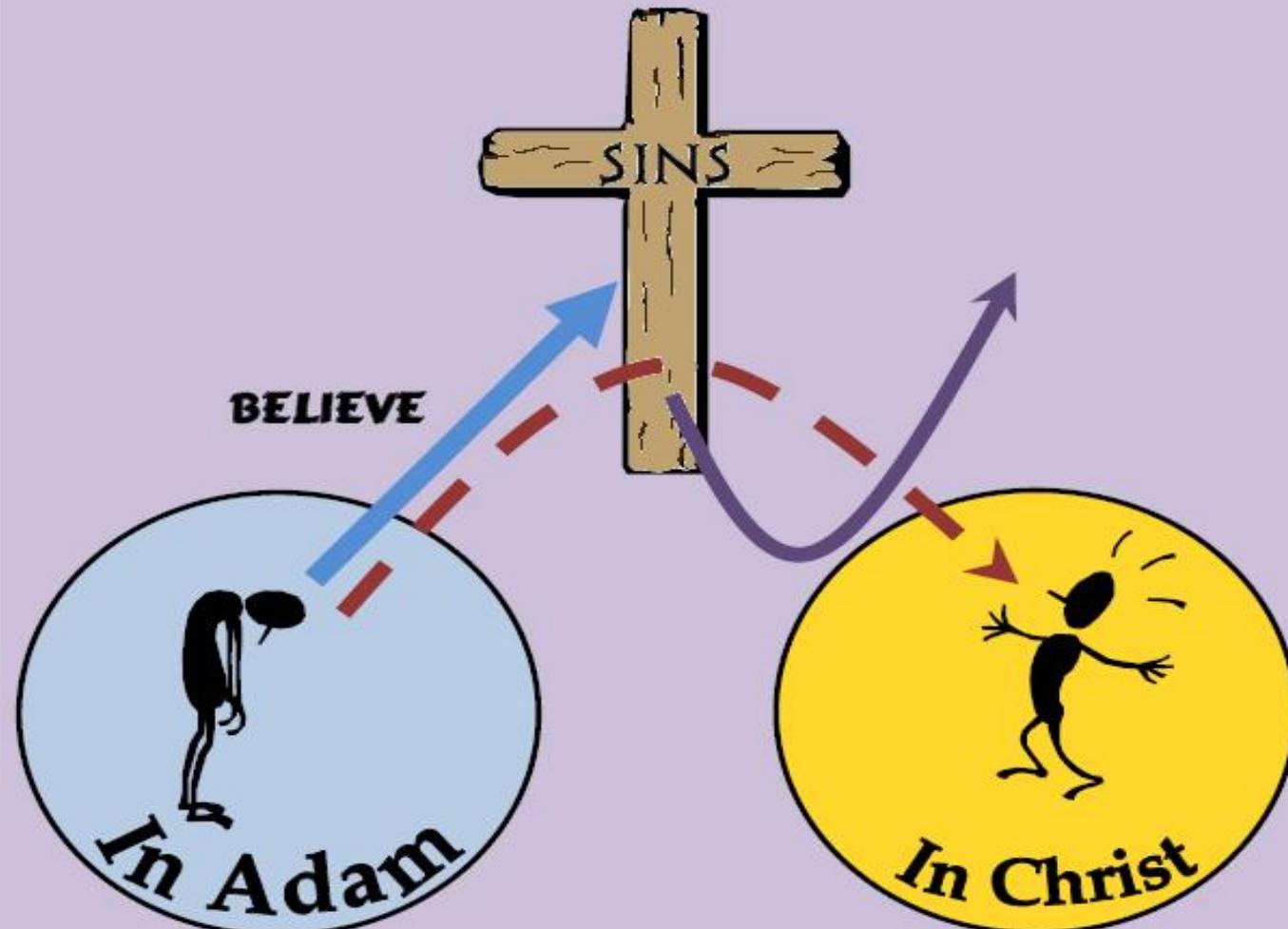
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# “And the Spirit of the Lord Came Upon Them”

	PERSON	REFERENCE
SKILL	Bezalel	Exodus 31:3; 35:30-31
	Moses	Numbers 11:17
LEADERSHIP	Joshua	Deuteronomy 34:9
	Othniel	Judges 3:10
	Gideon	Judges 6:34
	Jephthah	Judges 11:29
	Samson	Judges 14:6, 19; 15:14
	David	1 Samuel 16:13
	Saul	1 Samuel 10:10; 11:6; 19:23
	Seventy Elders	Numbers 11:25
	Balaam	Numbers 24:2
PROPHECY	Messengers of Saul	1 Samuel 19:20
	Amasa	1 Chronicles 12:18
	Azarash	2 Chronicles 15:1
	Zechariah	2 Chronicles 24:20
	Isaiah	Isaiah 61:1
	Ezekiel	Ezekiel 3:24; 11:15



1 Corinthians 12:13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.



# MINISTRIES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

## PRE-SALVATION

## AT SALVATION Justification

## POST-SALVATION Sanctification

**1. RESTRAINING**  
(2 Thess. 2:6-8)

**2. REPROVING**  
(convicting) the  
world  
(John 16:7-11)

**1. REGENERATES** (Titus 3:5;  
Jn 3:3-7)

**2. INDWELLS** (John 7:37-39;  
Rom. 8:9; Jn 14:16-17)

**3. BAPTIZES** (Acts 1:5;  
1 Cor. 12:13)

**4. SEALS** (Eph. 1:13-14)

**5. GIFTS** (Romans 12 &  
1 Cor. 12)

**1. FILLING** (Eph. 5:18)

**2. TEACHING/  
ILLUMINATION**  
(1 Cor. 2:12-13)

**3. ENABLING** (Rom. 15:13;  
Gal. 5:16)

**4. TRANSFORMING**  
(2 Cor. 3:18)

**5. COMFORTING**  
(John 14:16-17)

**6. PRODUCING FRUIT**  
(Gal. 5:22-23)

In Him you also trusted,  
after you heard the word of  
truth, the gospel of your  
salvation; in whom also,  
having believed, you were  
sealed with the Holy Spirit  
of promise, who is the  
guarantee of our inheritance  
until the redemption of the  
purchased possession, to  
the praise of His glory.  
Ephesians 1:13-14 NKJV

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1. What does this freedom involve? **“For the LAW of the SPIRIT of LIFE IN Christ Jesus HAS MADE ME FREE.”**
2. **When did this occur in your life?**

**When you trusted in Christ alone as Savior!**

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1. What does this freedom involve? “For the LAW of the SPIRIT of LIFE IN Christ Jesus HAS MADE ME FREE.”
2. When did this occur in your life? AT SALVATION.
- 3. Who accomplished this for you?**

**God the Father planned it; Jesus Christ provided it & the Holy Spirit produces it!**

## **Romans 8:2-3**

**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3**

**For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God {the Father} did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,**

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**A fact to be known and believed!**

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3. Who accomplished this for you?
4. Is this a fact to be known or a possibility to be desired?
5. **What was this freedom from?**

**“from the law of SIN and DEATH”.**

## What is the believer free from?

- ◆ The “law of sin” – governing power of the sin nature (Romans 6)
- ◆ The “law of death” – the Mosaic Law or a legalistic approach to governing the Christian life (Romans 7)
- ◆ God can produce in you and through you a quality of righteousness and holiness that the sin nature does not want to produce and the law could never generate.

## Principle to Remember

The Christian life is a supernatural way of life, not lived by self-effort, but by faith in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

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**1. What was the inherent problem associated with the Law's failure to provide victory over sin and produce holiness in one's life?**

*“For what the law could not do {not only not justify the sinner but sanctify the saint; why?} **in that it WEAK** {without strength or the power to do it} **THROUGH THE FLESH** {human will power or strength} ,”*

**Who alone has accomplished these amazing feats?**

*“**GOD** did...”*

## 2. How did God the Father do this?

“by **SENDING** His own **SON.**”





**“In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.”**

John 1:1 (KJV)

AND THE WORD  
**BECAME FLESH**  
AND DWELT AMONG US,  
**AND WE BEHELD  
HIS GLORY,**

THE GLORY AS OF THE ONLY  
BEGOTTEN OF THE FATHER,  
**FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH.**

JOHN 1:14

**This is a faithful  
saying and  
worthy of all  
acceptance, that  
Christ Jesus  
came into the  
world to save  
sinners, of whom  
I am chief.  
1 Timothy 1:15**



**3. What was necessary for God's Son to accomplish this?**

**He came “*in the LIKENESS of sinful flesh*”.**

• What does this teach you about Jesus Christ?

That He is the Holy Spirit-conceived, virgin born, unique God- sinless man, who is Israel's rightful Messiah and the Savior of the world.

# Two Branches of Messianic Data

## Divine Nature Data

*1 Chron.*   *Psalm*   *Isaiah*   *Jeremiah*  
*17:10b-14*   *80:17*   *9:6-7*   *23:6*

*Micah*  
*5:2*

Hypostatic Union

## Old Testament History

Virgin Birth

*Genesis*   *Deut.*   *Jeremiah*   *Zechariah*  
*3:15*   *18:15*   *23:5*   *12:10*

*Isaiah*  
*7:14*



The God-Man  
Jesus Christ

## Human Nature Data

But we see Him who was made for a little  
while lower than the angels.. Namely.....

# Jesus

because of the suffering of death  
crowned with glory and honor,  
so that by the grace of God He  
might taste death for everyone

Hebrews 2:9

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**4. What was Jesus Christ's mission related to?**

It was “*on account of* {peri – *on account of* or *for*} {no definite article} ***SIN***”

**5. What did Christ accomplish for you through His death as it relates to your freedom from sin and death?**

**“He condemned {the} SIN {nature} {which resides} in the FLESH.”**

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1. What was the practical purpose of Christ doing this for you?

*“that the **RIGHTEOUS REQUIREMENT** of the law might be fulfilled in us.”*

**\* What is the righteous requirement of the law”?**

**Matthew 22:35-40**

Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “**‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’** This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: **‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’** On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

\* The Lord Jesus summarized the moral absolutes of the law by simply saying we should love God and love our neighbor as ourselves.

- When this sort of love is **being produced** in our lives, the **moral absolutes** will be **fulfilled in us** by the **Spirit**.
- You won't **murder, steal, lie, or worship other gods** if the Holy Spirit is directing your life.
- The Holy **Spirit** also **produces the fruit** of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, etc,

והייתם קדושים כי קדוש אני

AND YOU SHALL BE

**HOLY**

FOR I AM HOLY

LEVITICUS 11:45



FOR IT IS WRITTEN

Be Holy For

I Am Holy

1 PETER 1:16



**2. What is necessary for this practical purpose to be fulfilled in your life? You are not to “walk **ACCORDING TO THE FLESH** but **ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT.**”**

## \* What does a "walk" imply?

- ❑ The Greek word means to carefully order your steps
- ❑ It implies a willingness to move in a specific direction
- ❑ It implies a continual process of dependence & development moment by moment and day by day

The real Christian life is a supernatural way of life that demands a supernatural means of execution.

### What is the goal of the believer?

- ◆ Glorify Jesus Christ
- ◆ Problem – no power to do so in ourselves

### What is the goal of the Holy Spirit?

- ◆ Glorify Jesus Christ
- ◆ Totally powerful, totally able to do this

### What is God's solution?

To place the powerful Holy Spirit inside of the powerless Christian!!!







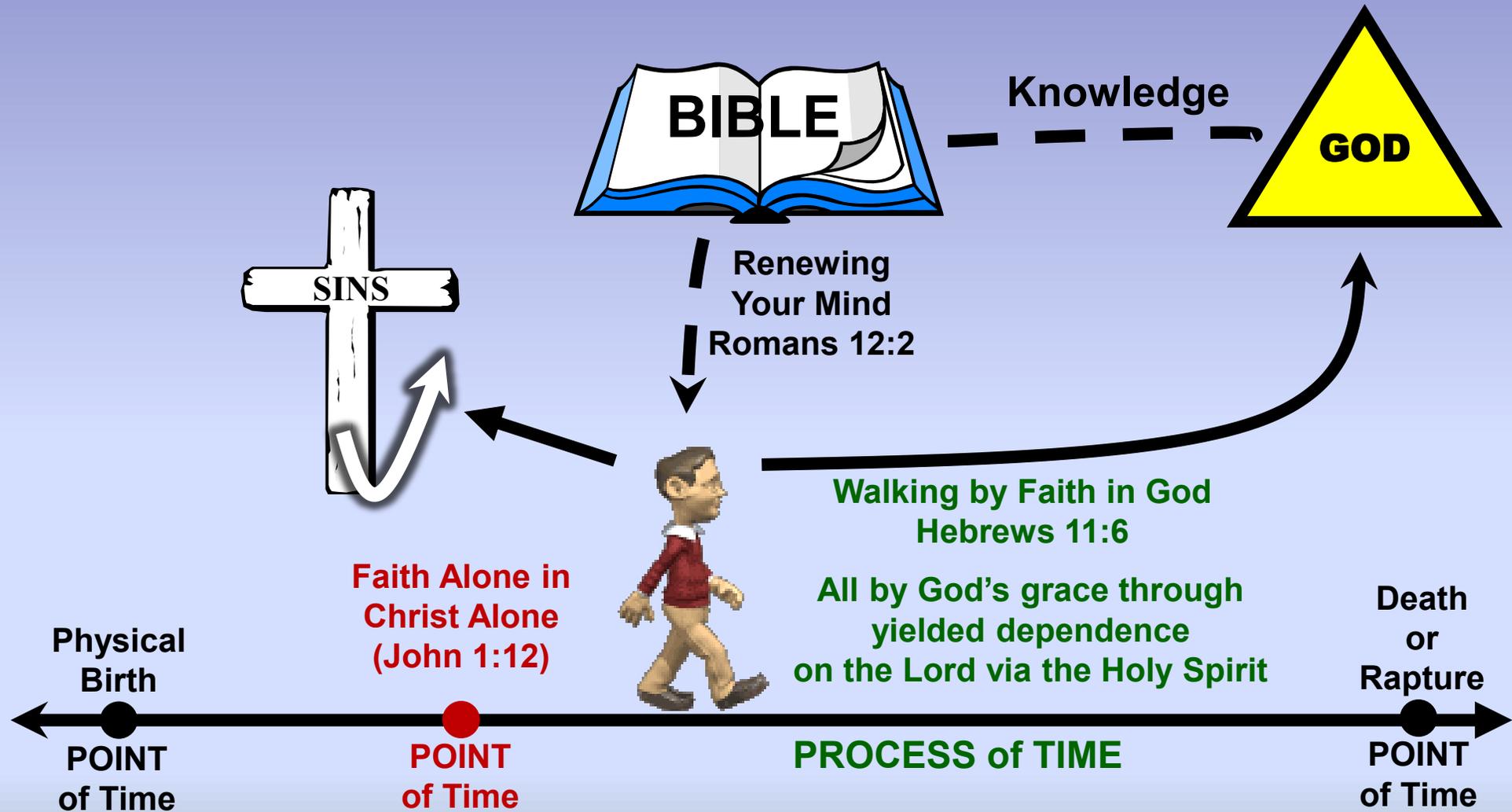
\* Who lives the practical Christian life:  
you or Jesus Christ?

- JESUS CHRIST DOES THROUGH YOU AS YOU WALK IN YIELDED DEPENDENCE ON HIM and are enabled by the HOLY SPIRIT!!

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

# Walking By Faith





**When we begin to comprehend Romans Six, we know that our death in Christ unto sin was completed at Calvary. When we have been in Romans Seven for a time, we come to realize that we have been struggling to produce that which God has already accomplished for us in Christ. When we thereby come to Romans Eight, we know at last that the Holy Spirit will produce in our experience what God completed for us on the Cross and in Christ our life. “In Romans Six we see the foundation of our deliverance—the fact that we died with Christ; and also the conditions of our deliverance—that we reckon ourselves dead unto sin and yield to God as those that are alive from the dead.**

**Romans Eight tells us the means and the method of our deliverance-that it is through the blessed Holy Spirit alone that we are actually delivered in everyday life, from sin's reign; the moment we cease from all our own efforts and let Him do all the work, He will begin delivering us from the power of sin. How long it takes some of us to come to the end of our own efforts can be seen in Romans Seven!” -W.R.N. “**

# Galatians 5:16-23

## 1. The *precept*. (5:16a)

I say then: {You – believers} **Walk** {peripateo – present, active, imperative} **in** {by means of} **the** {Holy} **Spirit,**

## 2. The *promise*. (5:16b)

and you {believers} **shall not** {ou me} **fulfill the lust of the flesh.**

## Galatians 5:16-23

3. The *perpetual conflict* between the flesh vs the Holy Spirit. (5:17-18)

**17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these {the flesh vs the Spirit} are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

**18** But if {1<sup>st</sup>} you {believers} are led by the Spirit, you {believers} are not under the law {you are under grace}.

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### 4. The *production* of the flesh. (5:19-21)

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like;

of which I tell **you** {believers} beforehand, just as I also told **you** {believers} in time past, that **those** {the unsaved} who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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1. The *precept*. (5:16a)
2. The *promise*. (5:16b)
3. The *perpetual conflict* between the flesh vs the Holy Spirit. (5:17-18)
4. The *production* of the flesh. (5:19-21)
5. The *positive fruit* of the Spirit. (5:22-23)

22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.