

## Why Try?

Why do Christians strive to be good? We are saved by grace. We are told that we are no longer under the law. So, WHY do we remind one another of the 10 commandments? WHY do we talk about tithing? WHY do we come to church each Sunday? Christians aren't striving to be good to impress God. Christians are striving to let God's Spirit of life lead their life.

Scripture(s): Romans 7:25-8:8

Today's truth: The life that Jesus has brought us is meant to be led by the \_\_\_\_\_.

I. The first truth that explains why Christians seek to do right is Jesus has set believers free from God's \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus has completely set us free from our \_\_\_\_\_ guilt.

II. The second truth that explains why Christians seek to do right is life is found by listening to and following the \_\_\_\_\_. The way of true life, real happiness, and satisfaction is found when we \_\_\_\_\_ by the Spirit.

We live by the Spirit by:

- 1) Learning the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit
- 2) Learning the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit
- 3) Trusting that living by the Spirit's character and plan is the \_\_\_\_\_ path to life.
- 4) Gradually bringing the Spirit into \_\_\_\_\_ of life

III. The third truth that explains why Christians seek to do right is we agree with God that in the flesh there is only \_\_\_\_\_. Instead of being neutral, the flesh sets itself against both a Godward life and a \_\_\_\_\_ life.

Romans 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 6:16 & 19 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?... 19 I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

Now what? Receive from Jesus all that He has promised as \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

1. What fleshly thing will you \_\_\_\_\_ of and seek the Spirit instead?
2. How will you \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit anew this week?

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