

Section 11: How do I live by faith?

Live by faith in the finished work of Christ on your behalf (Death & Resurrection).

- ✚ Romans 8:33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died— more than that, who was raised to life— is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.
 - We need to trust in and depend on Christ' sacrifice and righteousness for us rather than on our own righteousness and good deeds.
 - Trusting in self-righteousness leads either to pride or despair.
 - 1) We are continually accused and condemned by Satan and our own minds. Fill in the blanks to complete Satan's primary lie to us.

"Your sin is too _____ to be forgiven. Jesus' death on the cross is not _____ to take away your sin." -or-
Another one of Satan's lies to people is:
"Your sin is not really that _____; you are _____ enough to come to God by yourself."
 - 2) What do both of these lies above cause us to trust in?

Live by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit within you and through you.

- ✚ Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you...
- ✚ Romans 8:6 The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace...
- ✚ Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, 14 because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
- ✚ Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
- ✚ Ephesians 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,
 - We need to believe in God's power in and through us rather than trusting or depending on our own self power.
 - 3) Discuss how faith in the Holy Spirit relates to the following questions.
 - ⇒ Can you change your own heart?
 - ⇒ Can you follow God by will power?
 - ⇒ Can you conquer your sin struggle in your own strength?

Live by faith in God's love for you.

- ✚ Romans 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - We need to believe in God's deep love for us rather than listening to Satan who will tell you that you are a shameful sinner and not loved by God.
 - 4) What kinds of things or sins can separate believers from God's love?
 - 5) What are the lies that Satan tells us about God's love that cause us to walk away from God?

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Live by faith in God's promises.

- ✚ Joshua 23:14 "... You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed.
 - ✚ Psalms 119:140 Your promises have been thoroughly tested, and your servant loves them.
 - ✚ 2Peter 1:4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.
 - We need to believe (trust) what God tells us is true rather than what our friends, family and culture tells us is true.
- 6) Put a check next to the phrases below that are promises from God.
- God will never leave you or forsake you.
 - If you do good works then God will love you.
 - God will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can handle.
 - All things happen for the good of those that are in Christ Jesus.
 - If you follow God then He will bless you with money and a good job.
 - God will always provide a way out when we are tempted to sin.
 - God helps those who help themselves.
- 7) What are the promises that our culture and society make to us? Are they true?
- 8) How do we become familiar with God's promises?