

Reclaiming Faith Part 3: Just Stop

*"This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. **This is accomplished from start to finish by faith.** As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."*

Romans 1:17 NLT

*"What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it? Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as **Christ was raised from the dead** through the glory of the Father, **so we too might walk in newness of life.**" Romans 6:1-4 NASB1995*

Christ didn't go through **death, burial, & resurrection** for us to **live in habitual sin.**

*"Therefore **do not let sin reign** in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For **sin shall not be master over you**, for you are not under law but under grace...*

*For the **wages** of sin is death, but the **free gift** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Romans 6:12-14, 23 NASB1995

Before Christ we are **bound in sin** but after Christ we **battle against sin.**

*"So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, **but I don't do it.** Instead, I do what I hate." Romans 7:14-15 NLT*

*"For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—**this I keep on doing.**" Romans 7:18-19 NIV*

*"What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, **who delivers me** through Jesus Christ our Lord!" Romans 7:24-25 NIV*

Our **struggle** with sin is real but **freedom** is found in our **Savior.**

*"So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body **God declared an end to sin's control over us** by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit." Romans 8:3-4 NLT*

*"For **God knew** his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And having chosen them, he called them*

to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory." Romans 8:29-30 NLT

1. Start believing that I am free from sin.

"Even so consider yourselves to be **dead to sin**, but **alive to God** in Christ Jesus."
Romans 6:11 NASB

2. Stop giving myself sinful opportunities.

"And do not go on **presenting** the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but **present yourselves to God** as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God." Romans 6:13 NASB

3. Embrace the battle.

"I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is **at war with my mind**. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me." Romans 7:21-23 NLT

"Those who are dominated by the sinful nature **think about sinful things**, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit **think about things that please the Spirit**. So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace." Romans 8:5-6 NLT

4. Reject condemnation.

"Therefore, there is now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1 NIV

5. Walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"For the **law of the Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but **according to the Spirit**." Romans 8:2-4 NASB

6. Live a victorious life in Christ.

"And we know that **God causes** everything to work together for the **good** of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." Romans 8:28 NLT

"No, despite all these things, **overwhelming victory is ours** through Christ, who loved us."
Romans 8:37 NLT