

THE WAY ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

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HOW TO FIGHT SIN
ROMANS 5, 6 & 7

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Sin is not OK...

Romans 3:23a,

For the wages of sin is death,

Sin is straight up rebellion against God!

Eph. 2:1-3, And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Kinds of sin...

- Obvious sins (the ones we know).
- Not so obvious (they go undetected by us).
 - Childhood traumas; Bad habits; Mannerisms that take time to change; Subconscious decisions.
- Obvious sins we cannot stop (although we know them we are having a hard time stopping them).
- Not so obvious sins we can care less about committing.
 - Calloused hearts; completely ignoring the Holy Spirit.

I am a believer in Christ for
salvation.

Does this mean we will no longer
sin?

It does not mean we will no
longer sin...

Sin is an ongoing struggle

1 John 1:8,

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Sin is a reality in our Christian walk...

1 John 1:10,

If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Being a believer in Christ for salvation means we now have the capability to combat sin; fight sin; die to sin; ignore temptations; etc. Etc.

Having the capability to fight
sin does not guarantee you will
want to....

It is a choice.

(to want to fight against sin).

So, how do we fight sin?

It's not about stopping sin completely, we cannot. It is about drawing near to God and asking Him to expose our sin... James 4:8-10



Honesty with ourselves and God...

- It is a choice to come clean.
- It is a choice to ask God to reveal hidden sin.
 - Psalms 19:12
 - Jeremiah 17:9
- We now have the capability to draw near to God.

We cannot fight sin in our own strength...

In the bible, this is known as keeping the law by works of the law.

a.k.a., "by works of the law" in our own strength.

Rom. 9:30-33

Drawing near to God and
being honest with God helps a
lot...

But what else can we do...

WE CAN BELIEVE



We can believe in who we are
in Christ.

Rom. 6:1-4;

Rom. 6:5-8;

Rom. 6:10-11;

What does it mean to consider
yourselves dead to sin?

The word consider is not a command. It is a verb that means to think about.

(You don't make false promises to God that you'll stop sinning, NO. That's called commitment theology and it will never work.

Instead we need to believe.

Rom. 6:12-14;

What does it mean to present?

It is now a choice we have,
when before without Christ,
we didn't...

Romans 7:18-24

Recap.

1. We now have the ability.
2. We need to want to fight sin.
3. We can draw near to God w/ honesty.
4. We can Believe, who we are in Christ.