

Captive's Corner



"Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ"

2 Corinthians 10:5

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FREEDOM FROM SIN'S BONDAGE - SMOKING

We are encouraged to see that you have a desire to stop sinning and to put off an old habit (Smoking) that has bound you for a time. In Jesus Christ there is deliverance. However, to know His power in your life, you must be certain that you have repented to God of your sins and accepted His Son Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. No one else can save or deliver you. Faith in Him will bring forgiveness, cleansing, and a new life. His blood alone is sufficient to satisfy the demands of our righteous God against you (and me!). Trust Him.

Now, if you have Christ in your life by faith, His Spirit dwells within you. His Spirit is the key to deliverance from sin in your life. Read carefully Romans. 8:13.

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If you understand this verse, you can stop whatever sin has you bound right now! Who is your Master? Sin or God? If God, then yield yourself to Him. If Christ is your life, does He want to do this thing through you? Of course not. He only has your good and His glory in mind. So, stop.

His grace is sufficient to give you the victory in Christ. Forsake the sin and make no provision for it in the future. See Romans 13:14. When the temptation to sin comes through an offer from another or your own cravings, simply say "NO" as you remember the One Who now owns your body by His blood purchase. If you desire to follow Jesus, then take what He says seriously. See 1 Corinthians 6:13, 19 -20.

Now, as long as you are in the flesh you will still be tempted by sin. Our Lord has promised that you will no longer sin when you go to be with Him and receive the resurrected body He has promised. As long as you

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in the flesh you will still have the

principle of sin within. The key is not to yield to sin in your life. Learn from God's Word what is right and wrong, then purpose to do the right by His power within. God is greater than you or Satan. Learn to cooperate with Him. See Galatians 5:25. We live in a world that tempts us toward evil continuously. Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

God has made provision for us when we do sin. Christ is now at the right hand of God as our Advocate (defense attorney). He speaks to God the Father for us. His blood has already settled the case. We are forgiven and pardoned. No accusation can

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stand against us. When we sin, we must simply confess our sins to have our joyful fellowship restored with God. Then, we must forsake all that displeases God. See Proverbs 28:13; 1

John 1:8 through 2:2 along with Hebrews 7:23-25 and Romans 8:31-39. Do you believe His Word? If so, then allow Him to speak to you through these verses. You are involved in a spiritual battle. Do not neglect His provision for you.

I do hope that these few comments will encourage you to look to God and His Word for the instruction you need to live a life that is pleasing to Him. Jesus is now your Lord. Take His Word seriously. Do not simply listen to His Word; act upon it! If you do, you will find in Christ the freedom from sin's bondage for which you are looking.

Sincerely in Christ,

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