

*The Normal Christian Life 10:*  
“Saved for Glory and Life”

Romans 8:1-11

# Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

## Isaiah 1

16 Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;  
Put away the evil of your doings from before  
My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good  
...

18 Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall  
be as white as snow; Though they are red like  
crimson, They shall be as wool.

## 2 Chronicles 7

14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and **will forgive their sin and heal their land.**

# Romans 8: Two Views

- **A Warning:** You better try harder to walk in the Spirit and not in the flesh. Or else you will sin badly, anger God and die.
- **An Encouragement:** Christ died for you, and your fleshly life is already dead. Keep walking in the Spirit, setting your eyes on Christ and His righteousness.

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### *Focus?*

- *Self-effort (desire to rule)*
- *Surrender (desire to serve)*

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# “Walking according to”:

<b>“SPIRIT”</b>	<b>“FLESH”</b>
Freedom (2)	Bondage (7)
Righteousness (4, 10)	Sin (10)
Spiritual desires (5)	Fleshly desires (5)
Life & Peace (6)	Death (6)
Pleases God (8)	Hostile towards God (7)

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9 BUT **you are not in the flesh** but in the Spirit, if indeed the *Spirit of God dwells in you*. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

# Romans 8:16-17

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# Romans 5:5

“ ... because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.”

10 And if Christ is in you, the *body* (cf. *v11*) is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

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“ ... GLORY in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, HOPE. And hope does not put us to shame, because **God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.**”

Romans 5:3-5

# By the power of the Spirit:

- I can **NOT** sin.
- I can **LIVE** righteously.
- I can **SUFFER** and yet **REJOICE**.