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Understanding the essentials of our faith is important to becoming followers of Jesus. However, knowing what we must do and even committing to doing it is not enough.

**WE NEED THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

## II. THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US AND HELPS US TO LIVE THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Take a look at Jesus' commands in this passage.

### LUKE 6:27-31 (ESV)

"But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

Because of our sinful nature, the human heart is inclined to break the rules.

We know this because for example, when you tell someone to NOT do something, all the more it stirs up a desire to actually DO it.

Therefore, the law is unable to make us righteous before God.

### ROMANS 6:12-14 (ESV)

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

## SIN NO LONGER HAS A HOLD ON US. BECAUSE OF THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE HAVE THE POWER TO OVERCOME. WE ARE FREE.

However, many continue to feel condemned because the enemy uses past guilt and present failures to make us question what Christ has done for us and what the Holy Spirit is doing in us.

Our assurance must be focused on Christ and not our performance.



**ROMANS 8:1-4 (ESV)**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

There is now no condemnation because the sacrifice of Jesus fulfills the righteousness of the Law in us.

The Holy Spirit in us enables us to live the life God commands us to live. We must come to the end of ourselves and realize that we cannot live the life Christ lived unless He lives it through us in the power of His Spirit.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why is the law unable to make us righteous before God?
2. How can you rely more on the Holy Spirit to help you live the Christian life?