

# Walk in Freedom

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**Q:** *“What do I do now that I’m a Christian?”*

***God saved you FROM sin  
and FOR a mission.***

## **Romans 6 (NLT)**

<sup>11</sup> So you should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its evil desires.

<sup>13</sup> Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. **INSTEAD**, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but *now you have new life*. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. <sup>14</sup> Sin is no longer your master... Instead, *you live under the FREEDOM of God’s grace*.

**Q:** Free from what?

## **God saved you FROM sin.**

### **1. Free from the PENALTY of sin.**

#### **Romans 3 (NLT)**

<sup>23</sup> For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. <sup>24</sup> Yet God, with undeserved kindness, declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

*When God looks at what you’ve done WRONG  
he sees the RIGHTEOUSNESS of Jesus.*

## **Colossians 2 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all your sins. <sup>14</sup> He cancelled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> In this way, he disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross. <sup>16a</sup> So don't let anyone condemn you...

*“You don't need to forgive YOURSELF, because yourself has ALREADY been forgiven.” - Andy Stanley*

## **2. Free from the POWER of sin.**

### **Romans 8 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

**Q:** Are you trying to fight sin in your own power?

*Your will-power will never OVERPOWER sin.*

## **3. Free from the SHAME of sin.**

### **Colossians 1 (NLT)**

<sup>22</sup> Yet now he [God] has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

*Holy, blameless, and faultless is who you ARE regardless of what you've DONE.*

**Q:** Are you still carrying shame that Jesus has already carried away?

# God saved you FOR a mission.

## 1. **SHARE your faith.**

### **2 Corinthians 5 (NLT)**

<sup>17</sup> Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! <sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. <sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

*Salvation is PERSONAL but it's not PRIVATE.*

## 2. **SERVE your neighbor.**

### **Galatians 5 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> You've been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law can be summed up in this one command, "Love your neighbor as yourself."

*You can't SERVE others if you're in BONDAGE.*

## 3. **DO a good job.**

### **Matthew 5 (NLT)**

<sup>16</sup> Let your good deeds shine out for all to see; so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

### **Ephesians 2 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

*Your TESTIMONY is your loudest SERMON.*

# Questions.

**Q:** Are you trying to fight sin in your own power or in the power of the Holy Spirit?

**Q:** Where are you most tempted to feel shame?

\_\_\_\_\_ your marriage.

\_\_\_\_\_ your family.

\_\_\_\_\_ your health.

\_\_\_\_\_ your habits.

\_\_\_\_\_ your career.

\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER.

**Q:** Have you let Jesus carry away your sin and shame?

**Q:** Who in your life is depending on you to Walk in Freedom?

**Q:** How would today be different if you were absolutely clear about your mission in life?

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**Prayer:** Father, thank you for giving me freedom from sin's power and control in my life. My prayer today is that I bring you glory and honor with my thoughts, words, and actions. May others see what you've done in my life and give glory to YOU. Amen.