

Faith is God's finished work for me resulting in  
 a right me with God,  
 giving life to a \_\_\_\_\_,  
 producing a better me in this world...  
 that gives glory to God.

(Romans 6:1-4) Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death?

1. **Salvation** (joined with Christ) **is not transactional,**  
 it is \_\_\_\_\_.

(Romans 6:4) For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

(Romans 6:15-16a) Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey?

2. **What I do with my \_\_\_\_\_ determines my \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Romans 6:16b) You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living.

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(Romans 6:22-23) But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 7:1) Now, dear brothers and sisters—you who are familiar with the law—don't you know that the law applies only while a person is living?

3. **Those that have not died to the sinful nature, produce \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**Those that have died and been brought back to life, produce \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Romans 7:4-6) So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: You died to the power of the law when you died with Christ. And now you are united with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, we can produce a harvest of good deeds for God.

(Romans 7:13 ESV) Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

4. **In Adam, we cannot overcome the \_\_\_\_\_.**

(Romans 7:15-22) I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

(Romans 7:24-25a) Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

5. **In Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have been defeated by the cross and resurrection.**

(Romans 7:25b) So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

(Romans 8:1) So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.

- **Are you \_\_\_\_\_?**

(Romans 5:16b) Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins.

- **Are you \_\_\_\_\_?**

(Romans 5:18) Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.