

A NEW POWER
Living Like the New You- Part 4
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Romans 7:15, 17-18

“What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!”
II Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

THE PROBLEM: My sinful nature.

“I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate... So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.” Romans 7:15, 17-18 (ESV)

Two Kinds of Sin

a. Unforgiven sin.

b. Unconfessed sin.

“I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.” Psalm 66:17-18 (ESV)

THE PRESCRIPTION: CONFESSION.

Vertical: Confess all sin that is against God.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9 (ESV)

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”
I John 1:8 (NIV)

“Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.”
Isaiah 55:7 (NIV)

Horizontal: Confess all sin that is against others.

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed...” James 5:16 (ESV)