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Not the *self life* of the flesh, but the *Saviour’s life* by the Spirit (Rom. 8:2). Not I, but the grace of God which was with me (1 Cor. 15:10). Not “*I will*” (Isaiah 14:13-14), but *Thy will* be done (Luke 22:42). Not my working, but His working in me (Phil. 2:13). Not my filthy rags (Isa. 64:6), but the beauty of His righteousness (1 Cor. 1:30). Not the *old man*, corrupt according to the deceitful lusts (Eph. 4:22), but the *new man* created in righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:24). No longer living for myself, but now living for the One who died and rose again for me (2 Cor. 5:15). Not bearing the image of *Adam* but reflecting the image of *Christ* (1 Cor. 15:49). Not bound by *sin*, but set free by the *Son* (John 8:36).

Totally unable to please God in the flesh (Rom. 8:8), yet now no longer in the flesh but in the Spirit—the One who dwells in me (Rom. 8:9). Not walking in *darkness*, but having the *light of life* (John 8:12).


When I try, I fail (Rom. 7:18-19), but when I *trust*, He succeeds (Rom. 7:24-25). I am not self-sufficient, but my sufficiency is of God (2 Cor. 2:16; 3:5). “O our God...we have no might... neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon Thee” (2 Chron. 20:12). “For the battle is not yours, but God’s” (2 Chron. 20:15). My focus is not upon *myself* and my struggling, failing condition, but *my focus is upon Christ*—His glory, His finished work, His perfect redemption, and my new life in Him (2 Cor. 5:17). As I behold Christ in the Word, I will gradually be conformed to that very image (2 Cor. 3:18).

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