

# LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

## “OVERCOMING OUR SINS” - PART 2

ROMANS 7:1-8:13

### Introduction:

- When we have habitually struggled with a particular sin for years, it is difficult to imagine \_\_\_\_\_ being connected to that sin.
- As Christians, we truly desire victory, but many times we are confused as to how to gain that victory.
- Let's study God's Word and see how we can overcome our sins.

### First, let's examine some misconceptions.

#### **Misconception #1 - I need to focus more on God's law concerning my sin.**

- The law *cannot* help you overcome your sin. 7:4-6

#### **Misconception #2 - I need to have more determination and self-discipline.**

- *Trying* harder didn't work for Paul, and it won't work for you. 7:18-19

#### **Misconception #3 - I need to really focus my mind on overcoming this sin.**

- God never intended for you to *dwell* on the sins of the flesh, even in an attempt to overcome them. 8:5-6

## **Second, we must understand the Christian's true identity.**

- According to the Bible, when you trusted Christ as your Savior, you were placed \_\_\_\_\_. 8:1  
What does this mean? Read 8:9-11, 15-16.
- Your complete identity has changed.
- The Spirit of Christ dwells in you and you are a child of the living God! Your identity is now characterized by \_\_\_\_\_ and righteousness. 8:10
- Who you were \_\_\_\_\_ you were in Christ is dead. 6:6, 7, 8; 7:4; 8:10
- Your sin does not reflect who you are. Paul made a distinction between his new identity in Christ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin dwelling in his fleshly body. 7:17, 20
- This power of sin is \_\_\_\_\_ you, but it is \_\_\_\_\_ you!

## **Third, victory is found in a \_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus Christ.**

- In 7:24, Paul cries out, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"
- God's provision for our sins is not a \_\_\_\_\_ or program, but the person of Jesus Christ.
- As we rest in Christ and trust Him, Jesus will never \_\_\_\_\_ to overcome the law of sin and death. 8:2

- Christians will never be free from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin as long as we are in this fleshly body, but as we trust Christ each moment, we find freedom from the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.