

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Galatians 5:16-17

WHY DO I STILL STRUGGLE WITH SIN?



1 JOHN 1:5-2:2

Two Certainties

- God doesn't want us to sin
- We do sin, even when walking in the light

Jesus is the bridge!



UNHELPFUL THINGS

- “Just try harder”
- “Just accept it”
- Theoretical doctrines
 - Perfectionism
 - Calvinism



PERSPECTIVE FOR THINKING

- Identity – “old vs. new man”
 - Romans 6:6-4
 - Ephesians 4:22-24



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- Identity – “old vs. new man”
- Tension – “replace old man with new”
 - Transformation is gradual (Eph. 2:3, 4:17)
 - Step into new man daily (Luke 9:23)



TOOLS FOR FIGHTING

- Kill persistent sin (Colossians 3:1-5)
- Confession
 - To God (1 John 1:9)
 - To others (James 5:16, Galatians 6:1-2)



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- Kill persistent sin (Colossians 3:1-5)
- Confession
- God's grace (Hebrews 4:16)



MOTIVATION FOR OVERCOMING

- Fear of God's wrath (Colossians 3:6-7)
- Growing in our relationship (Colossians 3:1-5)
- Press upward! (Philippians 3:14-16)



A silhouette of a person pushing a large ball up a hill, symbolizing the journey of faith. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame, pushing a large, dark sphere up a dark, sloping hill. The background is a solid blue color.

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith...

Hebrews 12:1-2