

Godly Living Obtained by the Power of God

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Scriptures:

- Ephesians 2:8, *NLT*
- John 6:28, 29, *NLT*
- Philippians 2:13, *NLT*
- Hebrews 13:20, 21, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 3:7, *NLT*
- 1 Corinthians 12:6, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 4:7, *NLT*
- 2 Corinthians 4:7
- 2 Corinthians 1:8-10
- Psalm 91:2, 7, 11, 12, 16
- Romans 6:13
- 2 Timothy 2:21

Summary:

We all want to live godly, but this is impossible through our own efforts; we keep bumping into our own sinful selves. Salvation from the penalty of sin is the work of God, alone; we can't save ourselves. Our belief in Him, without any of our own performance, is all that's necessary for our redemption and justification. This means that we don't have to strive to achieve the kind of high moral living God expects, but simply yield to Him and let Him do His work. Living this kind of life requires that we depend on Him, which is the exact opposite of what religion tells us. No matter what happens in life, we can trust God to watch over us and take care of us. Depending on Him to work through us allows Him to use us as His vessels to do great things, with marvelous results.

Notes:

1. We must trust God to change us; *He* is the one who does the work necessary for us to be saved. Salvation by grace is *God's* part; faith is *our* part. The church doesn't need to perform God's work.
2. Christians tend to think that their own power is responsible for any good change in them, but anything good is actually the grace of God at work in them. Pleasing God is *His* work, not *ours*; He takes full responsibility for changing our hearts. He will equip us to do His will, not ours.
3. Increase and growth in our lives are up to God, not us. Our performance will never be good enough or strong enough to hinder God's power or ability.
4. Whenever we fall short or make a mistake, we must believe that God is still working in us; this is true for every believer.
5. The weaker we are, the more God's power is evident. We can trust in Him to care for us. Our own weaknesses serve to clearly show the power of God.

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