

Living for Christ or Self

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Scripture References:

- John 8:1-11
- Romans 8:1
- John 14:26, *AMPC*
- John 16:8-10
- John 16:8-10, *NLT*
- Hebrews 10:12, *NLT*
- 1 John 2:1, 2
- Philippians 2:13, *NLT*
- Deuteronomy 30:19
- Titus 2:11, 12
- Titus 2:11-13, *NLT*
- James 4:6, 7
- Jude 1:4
- Jude 1:4, *NLT*
- Titus 1:6
- Matthew 7:16

Summary:

We all have a choice as to how we want to live our lives. We can either choose a lifestyle that pleases God, or one that only pleases ourselves. A distinguishing mark of the new covenant is that we have the Holy Spirit who works in us and empowers us to do things that are pleasing to God; these are the very things that we are not capable of doing on our own.

Notes:

1. Allowing the Holy Spirit to teach us how to live frees us from guilt and condemnation. When we are in Christ, guilt and condemnation are not an issue anymore. Where there is no condemnation, there is no sin.
2. Living for Christ involves believing in Him and submitting to His grace. The Holy Spirit's mission is to convince Christians to believe in Him, and to convince them of their righteousness. However, He does not just work within the four walls of the church; He also works in the midst of an unsaved world.
3. The Holy Spirit can change our desires, but we first must want to please God. The Holy Spirit can only change our desires when we want to please *God* and not only ourselves. This is because God made us free moral agents and gave us the ability to make our own choices.
4. The world does not understand grace and defines it as an excuse to keep sinning. The world wants to turn God's grace into lasciviousness and remove all restraints. Wicked people pervert grace and try to twist it into something it is not.

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