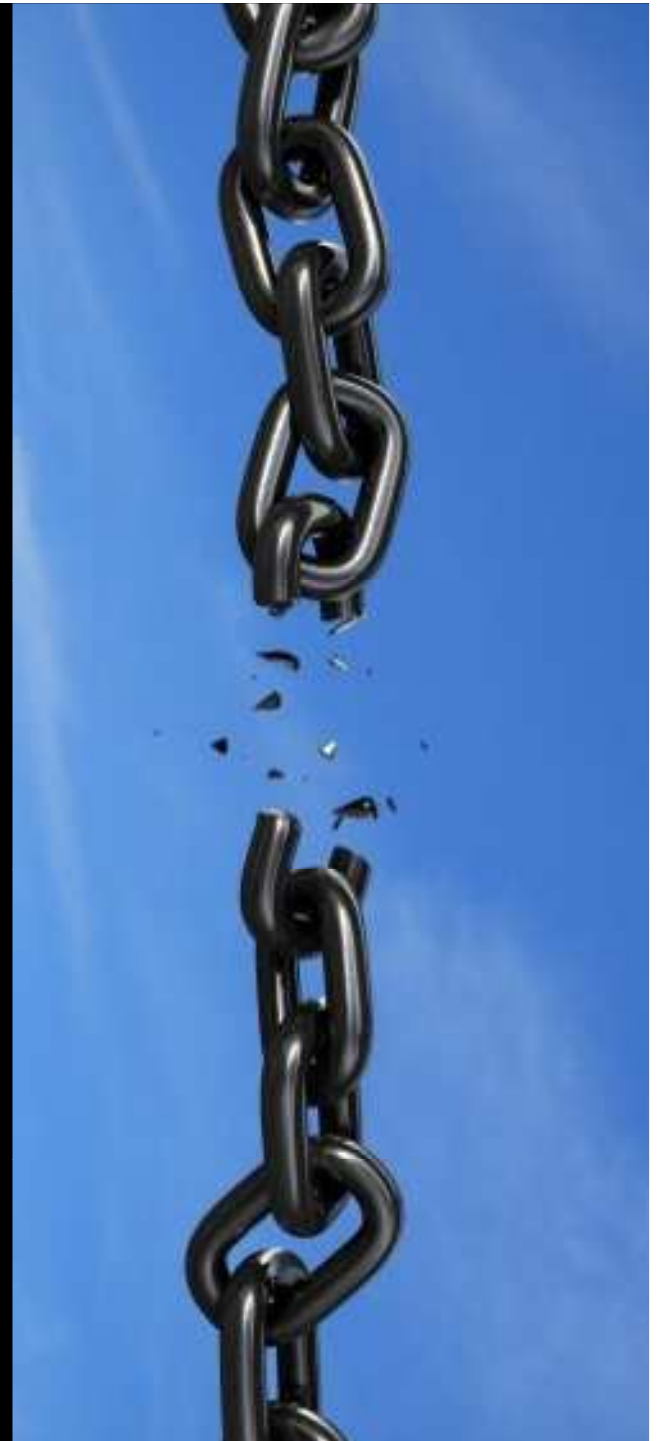


# Freedom in Christ



**What stops us being the people we long to be?**



We need to **Know** the truth

We need to **Believe** the truth in the right places  
(head and heart)

We need to **Act** on what we know and believe



**We need to know the truth**



***2 Peter 1:3-4 (NLT)***

*<sup>3</sup> By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life...*



**Why is it so hard to live the Christian life?**



What did not happen when we became a  
Christian



**Our “sinful nature” was not taken away**



## ***Galatians 5:16-25 (ANIV)***

*<sup>16</sup> So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

*<sup>17</sup> For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.*



*<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.*

*<sup>19</sup> The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;*

*<sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions*

*<sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.*



*I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

*<sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*



*24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.*

*25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit...*



*<sup>16</sup> So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.*



*17 The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.*



**How do you know if you are being led by the Spirit or the sinful nature?**



We are **Still** prone to succumb to the same temptations



# Unresolved personal and spiritual conflicts



*<sup>9</sup> “This, then, is how you should pray: “ ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.*



*<sup>12</sup> Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven  
our debtors.*

*<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from the evil one.'*



*<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.*

*<sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*



***Matthew 5:21-24 (ANIV)***

*<sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.'*



*<sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.*



*<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift.*



To pray that your love for that person will grow



To pray that your love for that person will grow  
To pray that he will bring about reconciliation



To pray that your love for that person will grow  
To pray that he will bring about reconciliation  
To pray that God would Bless them whatever they  
decide to do!

