



Part 2: A New Source of Power

INTRODUCTION

In the book of Romans, Paul tells us that the reason we do what we don't want to do and we don't do what we want to do is because of sin. Sin is both a noun and a verb – sin inside of us causes us to sin. So often we look to what might rescue us from our sin instead of first turning to the who – Jesus. Just as the single unrighteous act of one man, Adam, ensured we were born slaves to sin, to the single righteous act of one Man frees us from the power of sin. But even if we have accepted Jesus, we still feel the struggle with sin. Why? Perhaps because of what we have forgotten.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Have you ever thought about remembering your identity as being crucial to overcoming sin?
2. How would you describe your old self (without Christ, before knowing and accepting Him)? How would you describe your new self (with Christ, after you've accepted Him)?
3. Are there any of the following words that you still struggle to believe: worthy, loved, good, right with God, forgiven, righteous, holy, winner, brilliant, wise, clean, new?
4. Do you see a correlation between the sin with which you struggle and the piece of your identity in Christ that you don't fully embrace?

THIS WEEK

What would it look like for you to embrace your full identity in Christ this week? Sit with God and allow Him to show you who you are in Him.

"When we were controlled by our **old nature**, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced a harvest of **sinful deeds**, resulting in death. But now we have been released from the law, for we died to it and are **no longer captive** to its power."

Romans 7:5-6