

STOP TRYING TO BE LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE

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REMEMBER WHERE YOU WERE BEFORE RECOVERY

You went along with the crowd and were just like all the others, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air, who is at work right now in the hearts of those who are against the Lord. **Ephesians 2:2**

REMEMBER TO APPRECIATE WHERE YOU ARE NOW

We started out bad, being born with evil natures, and were under God's anger just like everyone else. But God is so rich in mercy; he loved us so much. **Ephesians 2:3-4**

- We, too, were foolish and disobedient; we were misled by others and became slaves to many evil pleasures and wicked desires. Our lives were full of resentment and envy. We hated others and they hated us. **Titus 3:3**

GET SERIOUS ABOUT CHANGING YOUR LIFE

If you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective. Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life. **Colossians 3:1-3**

GOD'S GRACE IS AVAILABLE TO HELP US

By God's grace, without earning it, all are granted the status of being considered righteous before him, through the act redeeming us from our enslavement to sin that was accomplished by the Messiah. **Romans 3:24 CJB**

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HE HASN'T BROUGHT YOU THIS FAR TO DROP YOU

I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished.

HE HAS A PLAN AND A PURPOSE FOR YOU

You re set apart for God; and he has accepted you because of what the Lord Jesus Christ and the Spirit of our God have done for you. **1 Corinthians 6:11**

EVERYBODY IS INCLUDED

This includes you who were once so far away from God. You were his enemies and hated him and were separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions, yet now he has brought you back as his friends. **Colossians 1:21**

Now you belong to Christ Jesus, and though you once were far away from God, now you have been brought very near to him because of what Jesus Christ has done for you with his blood. **Ephesians 2:13**

2 Corinthians 5:17 When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!

**NEW LIFE IS AVAILABLE TO US ALL THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS
AND DAILY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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