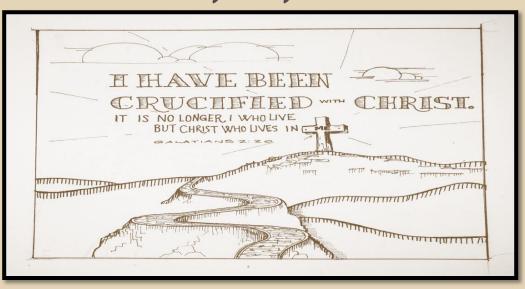
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THE EXCHANGED LIFE

Sinful/Righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21) Guilty/Forgiven (Ephesians 1:7) Defeated/Victorious (1 Corinthians 15:57) Strangers/Children (Romans 8:16) Sick/Healed (1 Peter 2:24) Fearful/Confident (Hebrews 4:16) Separated/Reconciled (2 Corinthians 5:18) In bondage/free (Galatians 5:1)

The reason all of this is possible, is because we have always been loved by God. Even when we were dead in sin, and separated from God because of it. Salvation is God's rescue plan. He carried it out on our behalf. We can believe Him for it and enter into the victory He provided in Jesus by believing He did it.

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The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command. Hebrews 1:3

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Lord, I put my hope in you and your Word. I trust you completely and refuse to allow doubt in my heart. Thank you for giving me everything I need. I believe that I receive. Amen Psalm 33:20 Philippians 4:19

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Featured Article

A Living Sacrifice by <u>Kristine Repino</u>

I therefore urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercies, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices that are holy and pleasing to God, for this is the reasonable way for you to worship. Romans 12:1 ISV

As the revelation of being a living sacrifice to God unfolds for me, I see more and more of myself that I want to give Him. The first layer you might see in this verse might prompt you to understand that we are not to give our lives, or even our body to anything that would harm it. Drugs, alcohol, or sexual immorality. Maybe selfishness toward one another, or greed. These were my first revelations of making myself a living sacrifice. As long as I was keeping from the 'big' sins I thought that was my sacrifice. This is definitely one aspect. I would venture to say that most people that go to church would expect these things of themselves (not saying that anyone does it perfectly).

But as the Word of God becomes clearer to me and what God did for me in Jesus becomes more real, I see so much more in what it means to be a living sacrifice to God. His Spirit lives in me, He ransomed me from hell and from the corruption of this world. My life isn't my own, and therefore neither is my soul or body. I am His! It cost Him His son to do it. And He wants to live His life through me and through you!

So being a living sacrifice begins with surrender. And it isn't just a surrender of our bad behaviors. The good news is, that through this sacrificial surrender, we become like the one we give ourselves to. There is an exchange. One we receive all the benefits of.

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Romans 8:29

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18

When you want this transformation into the likeness of Jesus, it prompts you to surrender each and every part of your being more and more. To where there isn't any goal or purpose that you have outside of what God has shown you. This is a lifestyle of progressively becoming more surrendered to God.

And there is freedom in that. Why? Because the previous verse says this:

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17

Remember, we are not our own, and it is God in you that does the transformation.

For it is [not your strength, but it is] God who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work [that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfill your purpose] for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:13amp

We are free from self-effort, struggle, fear, pressure, control, and all the expectations the world says we are to conform to. Our goals are solely what God wants, and our purpose is His glory in the earth. As you surrender yourself, in this relationship you find yourself, and you find your purpose in Him. It's no longer 'what about me.' That just doesn't matter.

Living a 'Christian' life isn't about being mindful to ask God to bless what we're doing; it's about being a living sacrifice surrendered to do what God has already blessed.

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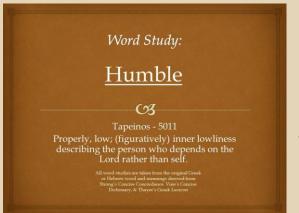
Lord, thank you for rescuing me. You did it because you want me to live the abundant life of Christ. In Him, I am free to be who you called me to be. I gladly sacrifice the life I had in exchange for the life you promised me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Prophets of the Bible

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HUMBLE means being God-reliant rather than self-reliant – which ironically always exalts a person.

James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." <u>FOR MORE WORD STUDIES</u>

Word Matchup

Who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high

Hebrews 1:3

Emmanuel	The Lord saves
Messiah	Anointed
Jesus	God with us

Answers on back page

Grace for today

God's provision is sufficient for each day



3 Steps to Victory - Acknowledge, Submit, Resist

<u>Acknowledge</u> means to recognize God as the source of your provision.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways <u>acknowledge</u> him, and he will make straight your paths.

The Hebrew word for acknowledge in

proverbs 3:5 is Yada, and means to know. It is to know God's ways inside and out and to recognize that He is the ultimate arbiter of our lives.

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

James 4:7 therefore <u>submit</u> to God. <u>Resist the devil and he will flee from you</u>.

<u>Submit</u> means to put aside anything, every thought, purpose and action to the authority of God's Word over your situation. It comes from the Greek word hypotassō meaning to put under, to be subject to

2 Corinthians 10:4-5 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

<u>Resist</u> means actively fight against. It comes from the Greek word antikathistēmi meaning to withstand or oppose.

James 4:7 "...<u>Resist</u> the devil and he will flee from you."

John 10:10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

When we acknowledge God's ways, and put our confidence in him by choosing to <u>submit</u> to them, we will be able to <u>resist</u> the enemy's lies and attacks against the truth of God's Word.

For more on making God a priority see article: Making God First

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Featured Testimony A Puppy Story: Healing of excitability urination

by Kristine Repino

Our new puppy was as cute as ever, and being our 4th, we were pretty confident in how to begin the 'training' process. Eat this not that, potty here/not there, sit, stay, and come. Although our doggy was learning these things, one thing seemed to be problematic. He began urinating when we'd enter the room to let him out of his night time crate, whenever someone would come into the room, and anytime he got excited or surprised! At first we approached this problem with discipline. But our reprimand and redirecting him to go outside did not help.

We talked with our vet, who explained that this was appropriately called excitability urination and told us not to treat it as something he could control. She said that this was common and he would 'most likely' grow out of it. By our puppy's first birthday, nothing had changed and we became concerned that it might not stop. Up to this point, I anticipated that it would eventually work itself out, but because there was no sign of it dissipating I had increasingly become more frustrated and doubtful that it would. We've never had to deal with this with our other dogs and I couldn't imagine our puppy having to wear a diaper forever!

So one day I made a change in my thinking. Enough was enough, and my puppy shouldn't have to experience this any longer. Our other 3 dogs had not experienced this problem and our puppy should not be either! I decided to take my authority in Christ over the condition. Every time I let him outside, or fed him, or put him to bed, I spoke healing over his body. I declared "you are healed; you do not have this excitability issue anymore, in Jesus' name." I did this day in and day out-with confidence that what I was speaking was the truth and therefore I expected it.

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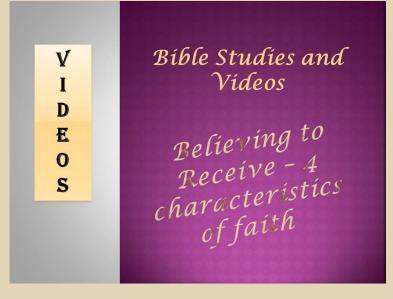
After one week, we noticed he was no longer urinating whenever he got excited or surprised. Praise God!! We already have the authority and the right to use it. The deciding factor is, do we believe it enough to use it? For more testimonies: <u>TESTIMONIES</u>

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Blessings, Kristine

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- 2. Messiah = Anointed
- 3. Jesus = The Lord saves

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