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John 8:36 NLT

So if the Son sets you free, you are truly free.

You are made in the image of God

Genesis 1:27 NLT

So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God is HOLY

Revelation 4:8 NLT

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—
the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come.”

God is a jealous God

Exodus 20:1-6 NLT

Then God gave the people all these instructions: “I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. **“You must not have any other god but me.** “You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.

Exodus 20:3 KJV

Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

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Faith requires our **response**

James 2:19 NLT

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror.

John 14:23-24 NLT

Jesus replied, “**All who love me will do what I say**. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. Anyone who doesn’t love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me.

Be **reconciled** through Christ

Colossians 1:21-23 NLT

This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has **reconciled** you to himself through the death of **Christ** in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

But **you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it**. Don’t drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News. The Good News has been preached all over the world, and I, Paul, have been appointed as God’s servant to proclaim it.

Live in **Freedom** with the Holy Spirit as your Guide

Galatians 5:13-26 NLT

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”-But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another.

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So I say, **let the Holy Spirit guide your lives.** Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. 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. But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are **living by the Spirit**, let us **follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.** Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or be jealous of one another.

Luke 15:11-32

Luke 15:32 NLT

We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!”

Matthew 11:28-30 NLT

Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”

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