

**In Christ:  
Dead to Sin, Alive to God**



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# Circumcision?

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- Colossians 2:11



# A New You

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# Set Free

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- Colossians 2:13-14



# Victory in Jesus

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# The Cross: Our Reminder

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If there is so much  
victory, why do I  
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# Why Do I Struggle?

- The conflict is normal (Romans 7:18-19)
- The battles are winnable (Romans 6:11-12)
- The war is coming to an end (Titus 2: 12-13)

Brian Hedges- Your Struggle is Normal



# Alive to God!

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# We are Saved to a Life of:

- Intimacy with God (John 15:3-5)
- Power (2 Timothy 1:7)
- Peace (Matthew 11:28-30)
- Hope (Romans 5:2-5)



# Psalm 16 - Turn to God

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# Psalm 16 - A Warning Against a Hard Heart

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# Psalm 16 - Satisfaction in God Alone

**<sup>5</sup> LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.** <sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. <sup>7</sup> I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.





# Psalm 16 - Communication with God?

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# Psalm 16 - Fixing Our Eyes on God

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# Psalm 16 - Reliance on God is Good for the Soul

**<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,<sup>10</sup>** because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. **<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**



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