

THE STRUGGLE

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Read Romans 7:14-25

Two "Normals":

A. It is NORMAL for Christians to _____ with _____.

"I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time." – *The Message*

B. It is NORMAL for Christians to have _____ about their salvation.

Six Bad Reasons People Doubt:

- #6 Lack of information
- #5 Poor teaching
- #4 Emotionalism
- #3 Huge past mistakes
- #2 Drifting away from God
- #1 GUILT because of STRUGGLES with SIN.

"How Should We Deal With Doubts About Our Salvation?"

1. Be _____ that you have been saved.

1 John 5:13

- Do you believe The Gospel?
- Do you understand that you are saved by GRACE ALONE, through FAITH ALONE, in CHRIST ALONE?
- Can you identify a point, or a time in your life when you TURNED from your old ways and TURNED to Jesus?
- Can you see that you are being TRANSFORMED by Jesus?

ROMANS 6.7.8

v. 17 – "no longer"
v. 20 – "no longer"

Saved people are _____ than they were before!

2. Keep _____, and keep _____.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Your Struggle May be Evidence of Christ in you:

- v. 16 – I know the Law is good
- v. 18 – I see how sinful I am
- v. 20 – I don't want to do the wrong thing
- v. 21 – I want to do good.
- v. 22 – I delight in God's Law
- v. 24 – I see my sin for what it is
- v. 24 – I want to be rescued
- v. 25 – I look to Jesus for help

John 3:16

3. _____ in obedience.

v. 24 – "wage war" – this is a FIGHT!

4. Be obedient in _____.

Acts 2:38; 41-42

- Baptism
- Church Membership
- Lord's Supper

5. Choose to _____ in God's promises.

v. 24-25 – Jesus came to RESCUE US from our sins.

Romans 8:1



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