

*"And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)*

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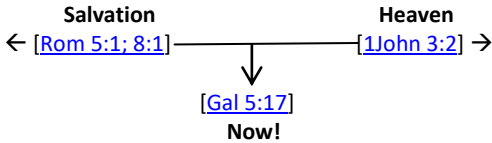
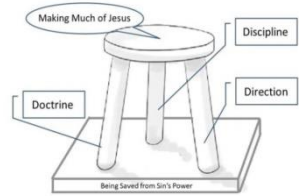
## NOW WHAT? Back to the Basics

### A Call To Arms – Part 1

The Main Point → Each follower of Jesus Christ is not only expected, but commanded to become a fighter.

The Situation:

Now What?



John Owen: *"The best believers, who are certainly freed from the condemning power of sin, still need to make it their business to mortify the indwelling power of sin all their life."*

### The New Mission

Therefore from the moment we are saved to the moment we are received into glory we are to be about the business of killing sin.

- Jesus called it "taking up your cross and following Him" Matthew 16:24
- In some cases it is called "pursuing holiness" 2 Corinthians 7:1
- It is often called walking in the Spirit Galatians 5:16

### Biblical Foundation

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[Romans 8:12-13](#). 3 things that this paragraph teaches us:

1. There are two ways to live life: One, by following your own desires and wants; or Two, yielded to the Spirit.
2. The former leads to eternal damnation. The latter leads to eternal life.
3. The Holy Spirit and the Christian both have a role in this battle. You and I must kill sin; and we must kill sin by the Spirit.

**Main Point** →

Our mission is to deliver death blows to sin in our lives. The question is, “How”?

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We kill sin, by the Spirit. How does the Spirit kill sin? Well, the Spirit kills sin with a sword ([Ephesians 6:17](#)). E.G., [Matthew 4:1-11](#)

**Summary**

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D. L. Moody, said: “Sin will keep you from this Book or this Book will keep you from sin.”

There is both a warning and a promise in this paragraph.

**Application**

How does a person live each day on a “search and destroy mission”?

1. Start each day with Bible reading/devotions/etc. [2 Timothy 3:16](#), [Psalm 139:23](#).
2. Many times we come under the teaching and preaching of God’s Word and critique the Word instead of letting the Word critique us. [James 1:22](#).
3. When we see a twig in the life of another, should we not also consider the beam in our life? [Matthew 7:3](#)

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