

Got Hope? Hope for Guilt & Shame

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[Romans 7:15, 18-19, 22-8:3](#)

15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16-17... 18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do — this I keep on doing. 20-21... 22 For in my inner being I delight in God's law; 23 but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. 8:1 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, 2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

We can overcome guilt & shame if we...

1. **RECOGNIZE THE SOURCE OF GUILT & SHAME**

[John 10:10](#)

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

[2 Corinthians 7:10](#)

10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

[Romans 8:1-2](#)

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2. **REALIZE BY GOD'S GRACE WE ARE NOT CONDEMNED**

[Romans 4:25-5:2](#)

25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. 5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.

[Galatians 2:20-21](#)

20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. 21 I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!

[Isaiah 53:10](#)

10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and ... the Lord makes his life a guilt offering...

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3. **REJOICE THAT WE ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS THROUGH CHRIST'S SACRIFICIAL BLOOD**

[Galatians 3:27](#)

all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

[2 Corinthians 5:21](#)

21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.