

MAY 10

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**READ**

*Colossians 1:19-23, James 2:18-24*

What is your responsibility as a believer? You are called to live a holy life. It's the highest praise you can give God. Walking in the truth shows the highest gratitude to Jesus for His sacrifice on the cross. As believers, we should grow up, and not constantly be sinning. We should be progressively maturing and bearing more fruit. Confessing with our mouths is not the same as “continuing in the faith,” and living it out. We are saved by faith alone. But we are saved to work. Work is the evidence that we've been born again. We often ask, “Is it faith or works?” It is both. James tells us, “Faith without works is dead.” The only way to live for Christ is to overcome our own human desires and, by the power of the Spirit, to say “no” to sin. When our hearts are wholly dedicated to Jesus, we will want to live for, and do things, for Him. We are overcomers and we can say “no” to our flesh because Jesus overcame sin once and for all. The same power that raised Jesus from death to life, is the same power that abides in you.

**PRAY**

Jesus, I am so grateful to You for purchasing my salvation and sending the Holy Spirit to live inside of me. Through His power I will live a holy life, will walk in truth, and look for opportunities today to do good works for You.

*From August 22, 2004*