

4. Walking a New Walk

Read Romans 6:3-7

How can one "walk in newness of life"? _____

Read Romans 7:19-25

Why is it that people sin, when freedom is provided? _____

Read Galatians 5:24-25

Why is 'crucifying the flesh' necessary to be able to walk in the Spirit? _____

Read Matthew 26:33-41

How does prayer help when our flesh is weak? _____

Read James 4:7

Why is it important to submit to God first, before we resist the devil? _____

How does submission and resistance go hand in hand? _____

Read John 8:36

Is freedom possible? _____

How does God free us from sin? _____

How is God's freedom a complete freedom? _____

Illustration - The Lock that Houdini Couldn't Break:

Harry Houdini, the famed escape artist issued a challenge wherever he went. He could be locked in any jail cell in the country, he claimed, and set himself free quickly and easily. He had freed himself from dozens of cells until one time something went wrong. He entered the jail in his street clothes, as he always did. The heavy, metal doors clanged shut behind him. He took from his belt a concealed piece of metal, strong and flexible. He set to work immediately, but something seemed to be unusual about this lock. Thirty minutes passed with no result, then an hour. After two hours, he was bathed in sweat and panting in exasperation, but he still could not pick the lock. Exhausted, he collapsed against the door—and it swung open! It was never locked in the first place. But in Houdini's mind it was locked, and that was all it took to keep him from opening the door and walking out.

Thinking about this illustration, why do people remain trapped in sin, even after baptism? _____

When we give our lives to God by dying to self, then God gives us freedom from sin, but many times we are still trapped, because we believe we're trapped.

What message did you get from this lesson personally? _____

How can you apply this message to your life? _____

Will you take hold of the freedom that Jesus has given you? _____