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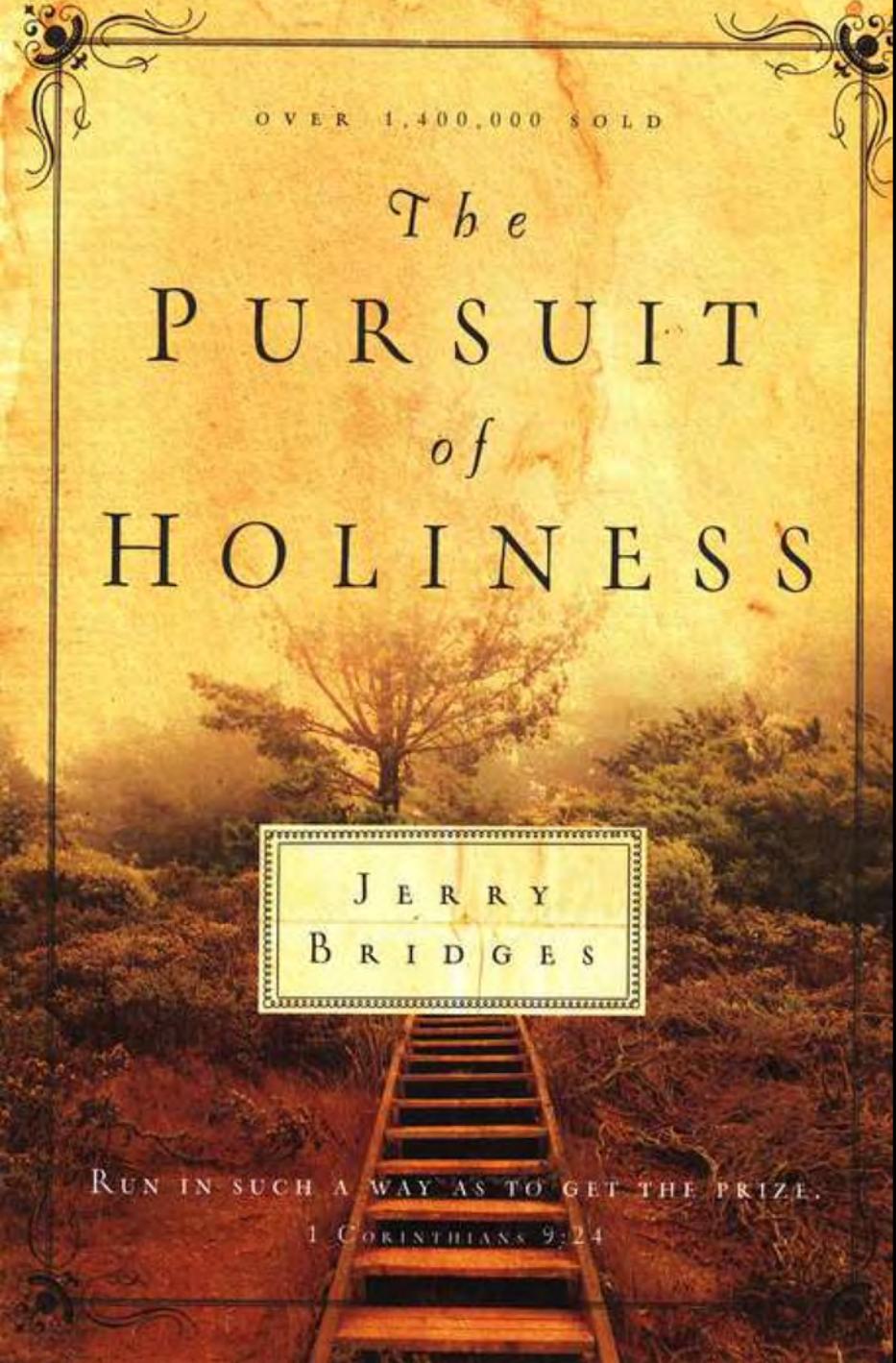
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RUN IN SUCH A WAY AS TO GET THE PRIZE.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24

**Hebrews 12:14 (personal translation)**

Pursue hard (strive) after peace with everyone and holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

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**Romans 1:16-17**

<sup>16</sup>I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. <sup>17</sup>For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

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**Romans 1:18-20**

<sup>18</sup>The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup>since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

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Title: The Wrath of God

Artist: Jason Schakosky

Medium: Painting - Oil On Canvas

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Romans 3:9-30

<sup>9</sup>What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. <sup>10</sup>As it is written:

“There is no one righteous, not even one;

<sup>11</sup>there is no one who understands,

no one who seeks God.

<sup>12</sup>All have turned away,  
they have together become worthless;  
there is no one who does good,  
not even one.”

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13“Their throats are open graves;  
their tongues practice deceit.”

“The poison of vipers is on their lips.”

14“Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”

15“Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16ruin and misery mark their ways,

17and the way of peace they do not know.”

18“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

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<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

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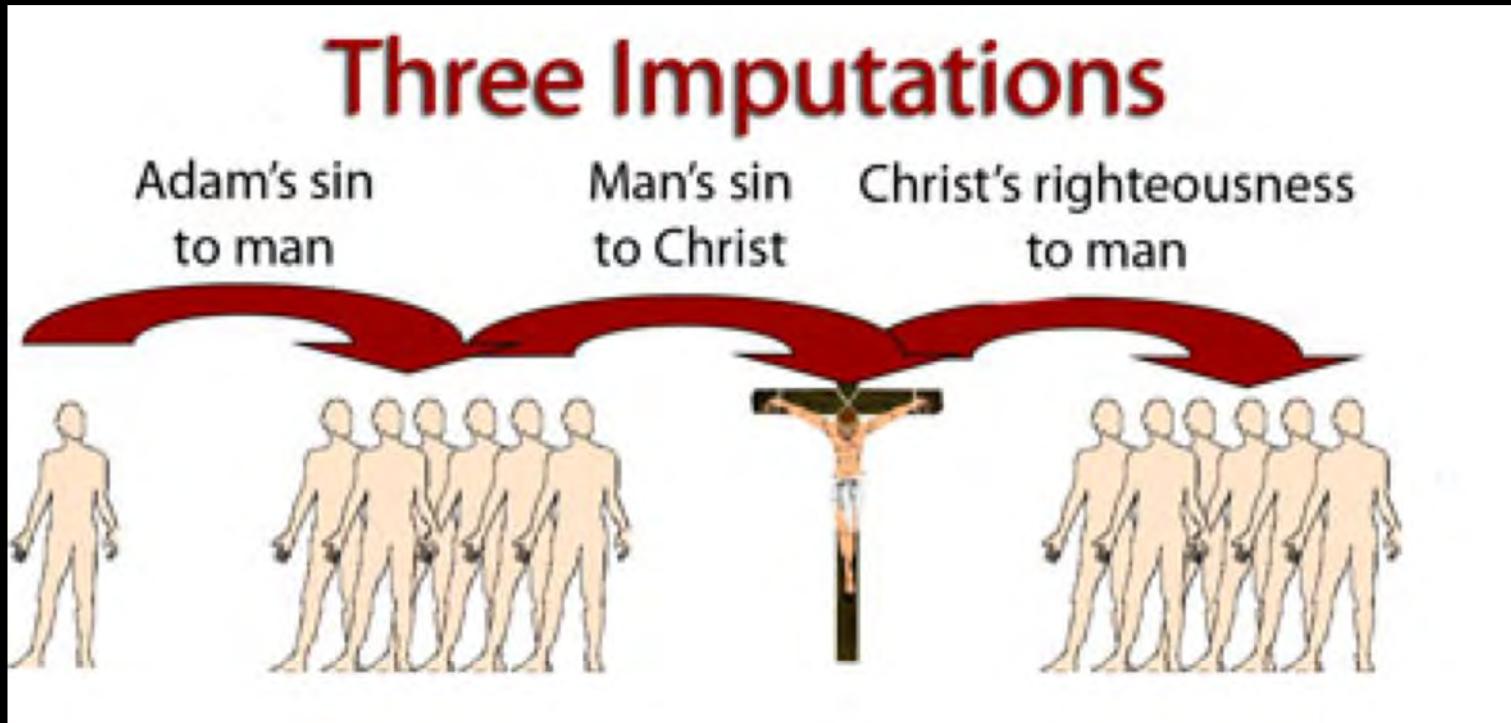
<sup>21</sup>But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup>This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

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<sup>25</sup>God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – <sup>26</sup>he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

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**Romans 3:27-28**

<sup>27</sup>Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

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Romans 5:1-2a

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this  
grace in which we now stand.

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Romans 5:6-8

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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# The Big Question!

Romans 6:1

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say, then?

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# The Big Answer!

Romans 6:2

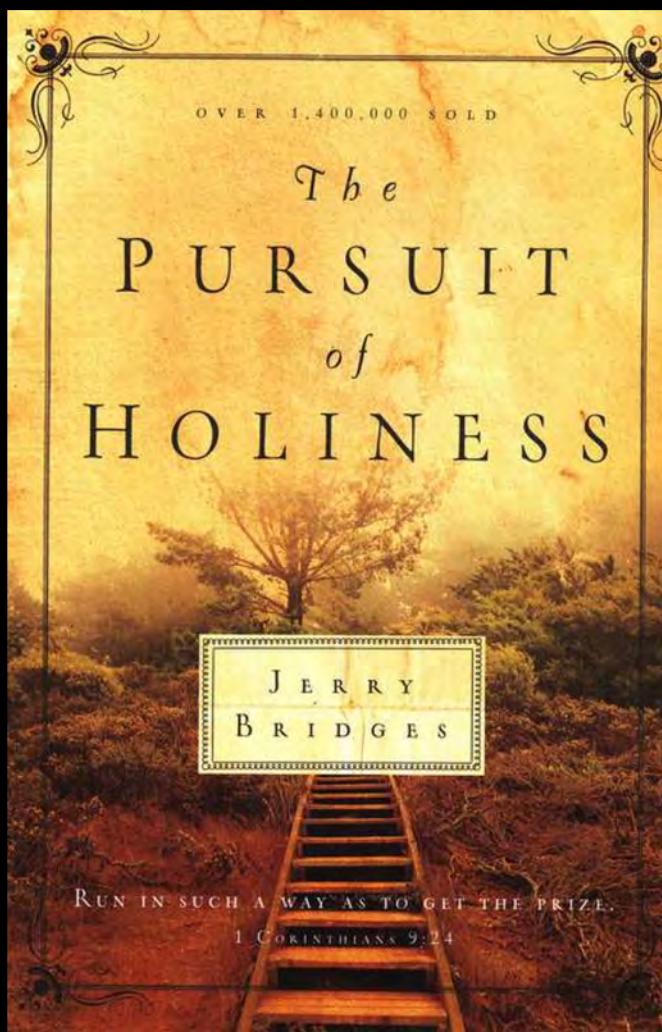
<sup>2</sup>By no means! We died to sin;  
how can we live in it any longer?

*Justification is by faith alone,  
but the faith that justifies  
is never alone.*

~ John Calvin

“But if we have been delivered from this realm, why do we still sin? Though God has delivered us from the reign of sin, our sinful natures still reside within us. Even though sin’s dominion and rule are broken, the

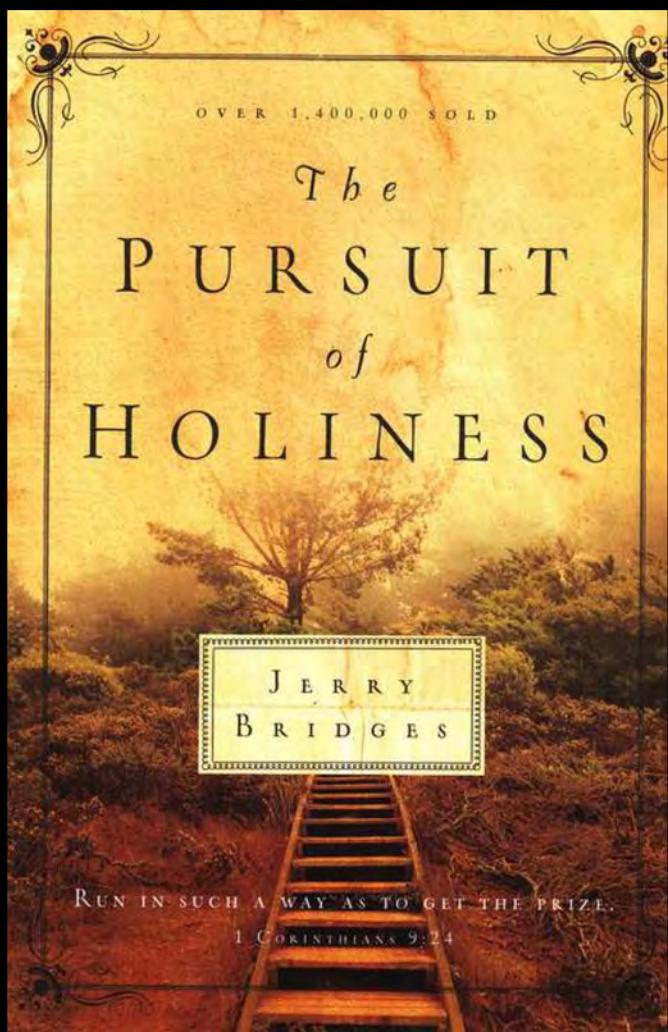
remaining sin that dwells in believers exerts a tremendous power, constantly working toward evil.



“An illustration from warfare can help us see how this is true. In a particular nation two competing factions were fighting for control of the country. Eventually, with the help of an outside army, one faction won the war

and assumed control of the nation’s government. But the losing side did not stop fighting. They simply changed their tactics to guerrilla warfare and continued to fight. In fact, they were so successful that the country supplying the outside help could not withdraw its troops.”

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# Our Union with Jesus

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<sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

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# JACK VS CHUCK

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*This site was created for one reason and one reason only...*

*...to definitively determine who is more of an American badass, Jack Bauer or Chuck Norris*

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**Jack and Chuck: head to head (an overview)**

**Who would win in a fight, Jack Bauer or Chuck Norris? (an analysis)**

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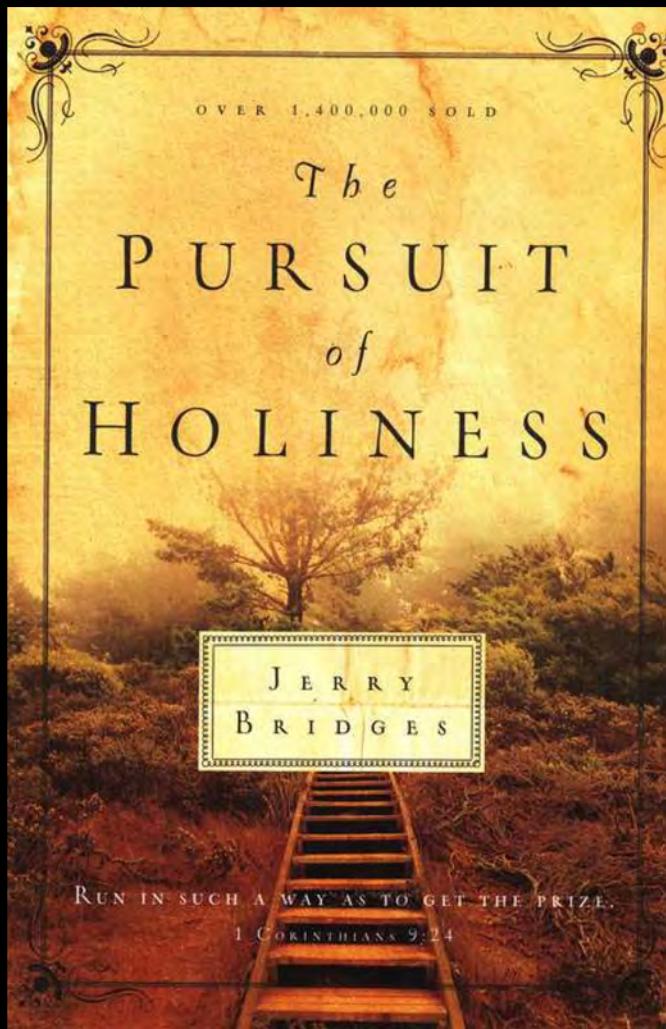
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<sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

“To do it we must *form the habit* of continually realizing that we are dead to sin and alive to God. Practically speaking, we do this when by faith in God’s Word we resist sin’s advances and temptations. We count on

the fact that we are alive to God when by faith we look to Christ for the power we need to do the resisting. Faith, however, must always be based on fact, and Romans 6:11 is a fact for us.”



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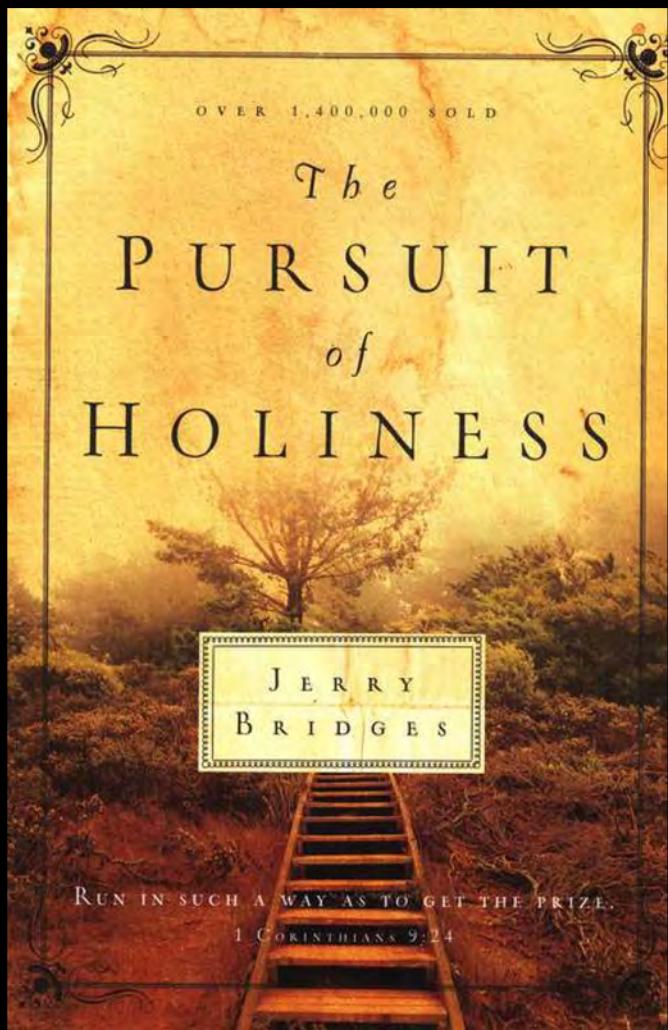
<sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness...

“Suppose, for example, I had a lame leg and as a result developed a limp. If through surgery my lameness is cured, I would still tend to limp out of habit. Or do you suppose that when slaves were freed by President

Lincoln’s Emancipation

Proclamation, they immediately began to think as free men?

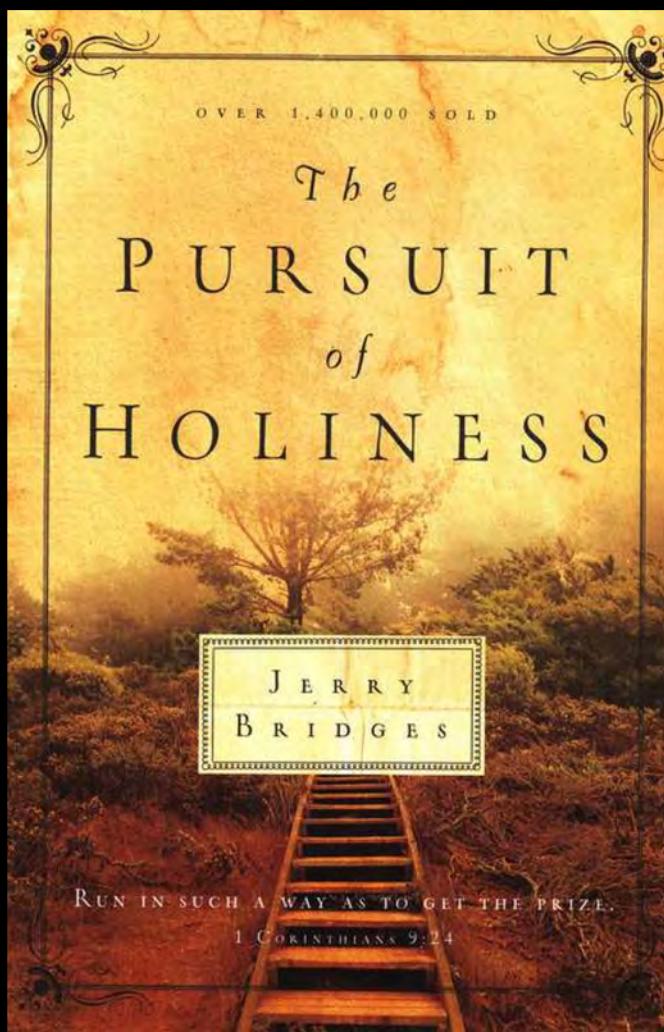
Undoubtedly they still tended to act as slaves because they had developed habit patterns of slavery. In a similar manner, Christians tend to sin out of habit.



“It is our habit to look out for ourselves instead of others, to retaliate when injured in some way, and to indulge the appetites of our bodies. It is our habit to live for ourselves and not for God. When we become

Christians, we do not drop all this overnight. In fact, we will spend the rest of our lives putting off these habits and putting on habits of holiness.”

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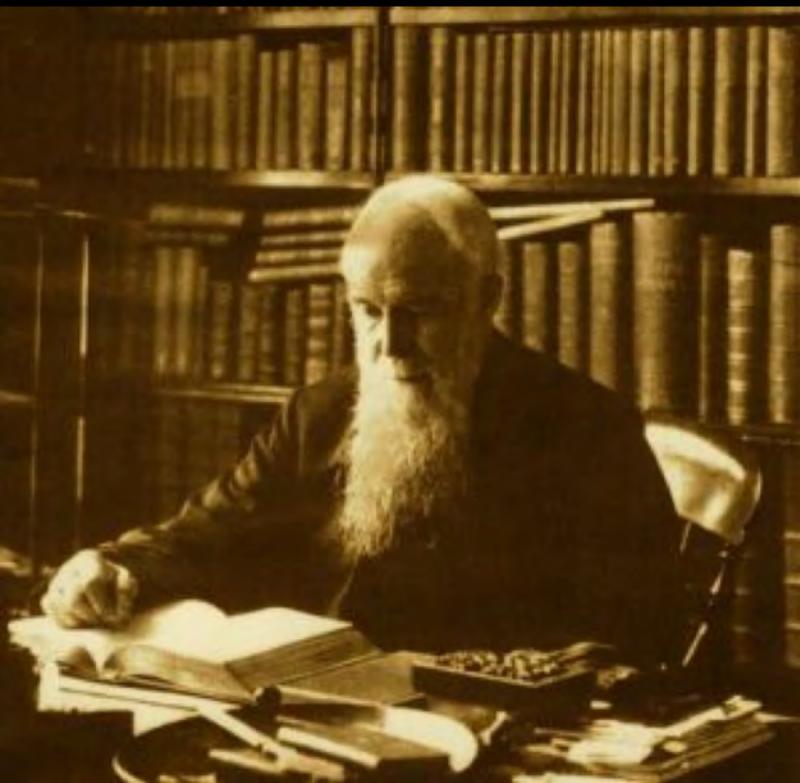


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## 3.Offer yourselves to God

### Romans 6:13b-14

...but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.



J.C. Ryle (1816-1900)

“That faith in Christ is the root of all holiness – that the first step towards a holy life is to believe on Christ – that until we believe we have not a jot of holiness – that union with Christ by faith is the secret of both beginning to be holy and continuing holy – that the life that we live in the flesh we must live by the faith of the Son of God – that faith purifies the heart – that faith is the victory that overcomes the world – that by faith the elders obtained a good report – all these are truths which no well-instructed Christian will ever think of denying.

But surely the Scriptures teach us that in following holiness the true Christian needs personal exertion and work as well as faith. The very same Apostle who says in one place, "The life that I live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God," says in another place, "I fight – I run – I keep under my body;" and in other places, "Let us cleanse ourselves – let us labor, let us lay aside every weight." (Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 9:26; 2 Cor. 7:1; Heb. 4:11; Heb. 12:1.) Moreover, the Scriptures nowhere teach us that faith **sanctifies** us in the same sense, and in the same manner, that faith **justifies** us! Justifying faith is a grace that "works not," but simply trusts, rests, and leans on Christ. (Romans 4:5) Sanctifying faith is a grace of which the very life is action: it "works by love," and, like a main-spring, moves the whole inward man. (Galatians 5:6)

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