

The Me I Want To Be: The Great Divide

1. Recognize the _____ between my view and God's view of me.

Ro. 3.10-12 (Msg) There's nobody living right, not even one, nobody who knows the score, nobody alert for God. They've all taken the wrong turn; they've all wandered down blind alleys. No one's living right; I can't find a single one.

Ro. 8.5-8 (NLT) Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things,... So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death... For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

Isa. 59.2(Msg) There's nothing wrong with God; the wrong is in *you*. Your wrongheaded lives caused the split between you and God.

1 Jn.1.8 (Msg) If we claim that we're free of sin, we're only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense.

2. Realize the depth of God's love and forgiveness and _____ it.

Jn. 3.16-1 (Msg)"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again.

Heb. 9.22 (NIV) ...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

1Jn. 1.9-10 (Msg).. if we admit our sins—make a clean breast of them—he won't let us down; he'll be true to himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing.

3. Rejoin life, go with the _____ of God's Spirit.

Ro. 8.1 (GW) So those who are believers in Christ Jesus can no longer be condemned. **2** The standards of the Spirit, who gives life through Christ Jesus, have set you free from the standards of sin and death.

Ro. 6.13-14(Msg) Don't even run little errands that are connected with that old way of life. Throw yourselves wholeheartedly and full-time—remember, you've been raised from the dead!—into God's way of doing things. Sin can't tell you how to live. After all, you're not living under that old tyranny any longer. You're living in the freedom of God.

Gal. 5.16 (TLB) I advise you to obey only the Holy Spirit's instructions. He will tell you where to go and what to do, and then you won't always be doing the wrong things your evil nature wants you to. For we naturally love to do evil things that are just the opposite from the things that the Holy Spirit tells us to do; and the good things we want to do when the Spirit has his way with us are just the opposite of our natural desires. These two forces within us are constantly fighting each other to win control over us, and our wishes are never free from their pressures.