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Thankfully, God wonderfully intervened: “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (*Tit. 2:11-12*).

If He died for me, how can I not live for Him? He rose again for me that I might walk in newness of life (*Rom. 6:4*), no longer duplicating my past sinful lifestyle. Pleasing myself and doing only what I want ought to be a thing of the past: “That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God” (*1 Pet. 4:2*).

If I were my own, I could live for myself, but I am not (*1 Cor. 6:19-20*). “For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord, and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s” (*Rom. 14:7-8*).

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