

## “I JUST CAN’T HELP MYSELF”

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Have you ever heard anybody make the statement, “I just can’t help myself.” Or how about, “The devil made me do it.” How about, “That’s just the way that I am.”

Maybe you’ve made one or all three of those statements yourself. Those statements are cop outs. People say those things whenever they are trying to justify their behavior.

Many times people sin and then to try and down play their sin they use the excuse, “I’m human.” Or, “I’m just flesh and blood.”

That might be true, but that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t endeavor to live the kind of life that God wants us to live.

Then there are those who want to use grace as an excuse to sin. God forbid.

Titus 2:11-12 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.

Did you catch that? Grace teaches us some things. What things? To deny ungodliness and worldly lust. To live soberly, righteously and godly, in this present world.

I’m not saying that you won’t wrestle with sin. I’m not saying that you won’t fall and make mistakes. What I am saying is that you don’t have to give in to sin and you for sure should never justify your sinful behavior.

2 Peter 1:3-4 As we know Jesus better, his divine power gives us everything we need for living a godly life. He has called us to receive his own glory and goodness! And by that same mighty power, he has given us all of his rich and wonderful promises. He has promised that you will escape the decadence all around you caused by evil desires and that you will share in his divine nature. NLT

God hasn’t left us powerless against sin and the world. Whenever we are born again, we become partakers of His Divine nature. Just as He overcame the world, so can we.

Rom 6:12-13 Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to its lustful desires. Do not let any part of your body become a tool of wickedness, to be used for sinning. Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God. NLT