

Life is a negotiation with yourself.

Adjust & Trust.

Paul accepted GOD's acceptance of him,
100%.

*“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is
gain.”*

Philippians 1:21 NIV

Were there things in his life that were
contrary to that full surrender? As in, were
there things Paul still did that made him
feel like he wasn't keeping up with his part
of the bargain?

“I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. I love God’s law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death?”

Romans 7:21-24 NLT

Paul understood that even though he wanted to do right, he would inevitably do wrong.

The reason the gospel is good news is the fact that it doesn’t stop there.

If GOD left us in that state we would be like orphans.

Leaving us that way is something Jesus said He wouldn't do.

“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

John 14:18 NIV

“Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.”

John 14:23 NIV

But what if I don't keep up with my part of the bargain? Will I be left ...

Home Alone? No.

“Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God’s law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.”

Romans 7:25 NLT

Paul explained the answer in Romans 8. It’s known as the Mt. Everest of the New Testament.

Why?

Is it the view from the top from verses 38-39? Perhaps that is where we can see how far the east is from the west?



But what about how VERY treacherous the journey is?

I think it's both. Otherwise, we wouldn't appreciate just how beautiful the view really is.

We must have a choice in order to be free to worship. By the grace of GOD we have

that choice if we accept GOD's acceptance of us.

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.”

Romans 8:1 NLT

No condemnation.

Can you negotiate THAT with yourself?

That's a lot to ask.