

# The On-going Road To Recovery

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Some people both in the world and in the church don't understand the Christian walk. They don't know what life will look like once you accept Christ and what to expect afterward.

It can be equated to recovering from a drug addiction.

All Christians are recovering from sin like addicts that are recovering from drugs

*Death through Adam*—Romans 5:12 (NIV)

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

Psalm 51:(AMP)

I was brought forth in [a state of] wickedness;

In sin my mother conceived me [and from my beginning I, too, was sinful].

1. Intake Process
2. Detoxification Process
3. Rehabilitation Process
4. Ongoing Road Recovery

## ***1. The intake process – It is the Intervention.***

Galatians 5:19-21 (AMP)

Now the practices of the sinful nature are *clearly* evident: they are sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality (total irresponsibility, lack of self-control), idolatry, sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions [that promote heresies], envy, drunkenness, riotous behavior, and *other* things like these. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

James 4:17 ESV - So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

Romans 6:23- For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:3 - Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

1 Peter 1:23 - For you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

John 14:6 (AMP)

Jesus said to him, "I am the [only] Way [to God] and the [real] Truth and the [real] Life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Romans 10:9 (ASV)

Because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved

## **2. Detoxification Process –**

What is detoxification? Detoxification (detox for short)[1] is the physiological and/or medicinal removal of toxic substances from a living organism.

1 John 1:9 (AMP)

If we [freely] admit that we have sinned *and* confess our sins, He is faithful and just [true to His own nature and promises], and will forgive our sins and cleanse us *continually* from all unrighteousness [our wrongdoing, everything not in conformity with His will and purpose].

Isaiah 1:16 (ESV)

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

Ephesians 5:26 – Men should love their wives like Christ loves the Church

Ephesians 5:26 That he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

John 17:17 (KJ21)

Sanctify them through Thy truth: Thy Word is truth

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Some drugs have significant physical withdrawal symptoms but cause intense psychological withdrawal symptoms. Detox from stimulant drugs like methamphetamines and cocaine, for example, can result in serious depression and suicidal thoughts. Inpatient detox is recommended in these cases to ensure the safety of the patient. This is because outpatient detox allows patients the opportunity to use the drug outside the detox clinic or to otherwise hurt themselves. Individuals receiving outpatient detox are also more likely to cancel appointments and fail to complete detoxification.

1 Corinthian 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

## **3. Rehabilitation process**

Definition of Rehabilitation

To **restore** to a condition of good health, ability to work, or the like.

Joel 2:25-26

I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. “You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Isaiah 61:7 ESV

Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

#### 4. *Ongoing road to recovery*

Recovery means a return to a normal state of health, mind, or strength.

Philippians 3:12-15 ESV / 140 helpful votes

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Matthew 7:24

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Psalms 119:9

How can a young person stay on the path of purity?  
By living according to your word.

Galatians 6:1

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Ecclesiastes 7:20 (AMP)

Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who *always* does good and who never sins.

Proverbs 24:16

For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again,  
But the wicked stumble in times of calamity.

So we are all on the ongoing road to recovery until we reach heaven and all of our imperfections are made perfect.