2 Corinthians 5:19 in Light of All Scripture

God was in Christ on the cross making a way for us to receive life and live out of God's resources and God's strength. Jesus died a sinless, substitutionary death which defeated sin and Satan. Jesus arose to give us life. Jesus became humanity's God-given substitute for Adam. Adam sinned and brought death. Jesus remained sinless, condemned sin to extermination, and arose to give life. Romans 5:14-19 and 8:1-3

God was in Christ on the cross reconciling the world to God, not counting our sins against us. Even though we offend God, He will not hold anyone back from responding to the Holy Spirit conviction of sin, believe in Jesus, and receive Jesus into their life. God freely forgives the sinner providing the Way to Life and encourages belief. John 14:6

After we receive Jesus, the new spiritual birth, God still does not count our sins against us. God never holds the believer back from running to Him for help in turning away from sin. God disciplines and sometimes lets the believer experience the pain and consequences of personal sin, but God is the Heavenly Father who restores. Hebrews 12:4-13

God freely forgives all people. God does not require payment for sin. God commands us to freely forgive just as we are freely forgiven. Ephesians 4:32

Without the shedding of the blood of Jesus to condemn and defeat sin, there could be no resurrected life giving power imparted to the believer. Hebrews 9:1-22 The New Covenant gives opportunity for life instead of death to all who receive Christ. John 1:22

No man is so spiritually dead that he cannot respond to and cooperate with the conviction of the Holy Spirit and allow the Spirit to bring him to saving faith. Whosoever will may come. Romans 10:13

For God so loved the world that He gave…

GOD WAS IN CHRIST ON THE CROSS 2 Corinthians 5:19-21

Christ was the <u>sin offering who died sinless.</u> This <u>sinless</u> and substitutionary death defeated sin and Satan. Romans 5: 6-19 Colossians 2:15

The work of Jesus on the cross was to defeat and condemn sin to eventual extermination. Romans 8:3 John 1:29

Jesus arose with all power and authority to restore believers to relationship with God and restore believers to God's design for eternal life. Matthew 28:18-20

God does not hold our sin against us but allows us to come to Him under the conviction of sin. 2 Corinthians 5:19b John 16:7-11 God freely forgives sin. People have the ability to believe Jesus and receive eternal life and salvation. John 1:12

<u>People sin as they live from their own resources and their own strength.</u>

<u>People are designed to live from God's resources and God's strength.</u>

Sinful actions lead to breaking the 10 commandments and death of relationships.

Eternal life is received the moment we believe and trust Jesus for rescue from sin.

Salvation includes being rescued from sin in our present life as we cooperate with God. Lack of cooperation with God in the believer's life can result in our failure to be rescued in this life from the painful consequences of sin. Anytime we turn back to God in this life and call for His help He will restore us. Failure to repent can lead to a fiery judgment and loss for the believer. Believers should work out of God's resources and God's strength and this will produce love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Not that God will punish, but that failure to live by God's design will be painful and self-defeating. God loves you and wants to save you from sin and its consequences. 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

Jesus died to restore you to living out of God's resources and God's strength. Restoration to God's design for living will result in less sinful actions. Less sinful actions leads to less pain and anguish in this life.