Why is it that the things we could not stop doing before, we can now stand firm in? Is it just because we are "Churchgoers"?

2 Peter 1:2–4 (NKJV) 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

John 8:31–32 (NLT) 31 Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. 32 And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:38–39 (NLT) 38 I am telling you what I saw when I was with my Father. But you are following the advice of your father." 39 "Our father is Abraham!" they declared. "No," Jesus replied, "for if you were really the children of Abraham, you would follow his example.

John 8:39 - 47 (NKJV) 39They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "**If** you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. **41You do the deeds of your father."** Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God." 42Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43Why do you not understand My speech? **Because** you are not able to listen to My word. 44You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do.

Romans 3:23 (NKJV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

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John 8:44–45 (NLT) 44 For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me!

Genesis 1:2-3 (NKJV) 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness *was* on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Genesis 2:7 (NKJV) 7 And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Isaiah 42:5 (NKJV) Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it:

Acts 17:25 (NLT) and human hands can't serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need.

John 20:19-22 (NKJV) 19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace *be* with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He **breathed** on *them,* and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

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John 3:5-8 (NKJV) [5] Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. [6] That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. [7] Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' [8] The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Aramaic Bible in plain English.
Do not be surprised that I said to you that all of you must be born again.
The Spirit breathes where he will, and you hear his voice, but you do not
know from where he comes and where he goes; thus is everyone who is
born from The Spirit.

Worrell's Translation
Marvel not that I say to you, ye must be born anew. The Spirit breatheth
where He willeth; and you hear His voice, but know not whence He cometh,
or whither He goeth: So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Peter 1:1 - 4 (NKJV) [1]Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: [2]Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, [3]as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, [4]by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.