

*All born again Christians know Christ as Saviour.
Many Christians know Christ as Lord
Very few Christians know Christ as their LIFE!*

Knowing Christ as Life



Life Essentials

STEP 3

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claim resurrection life as my life. I have been raised into the heavenly places and I believe that I now am seated at the right hand of the Father.

As an act of my will, I claim that Christ is my life, my power, and my identity. I thank you that my identification with Christ makes me totally acceptable, and that all my need is met by Christ Jesus.

I yield myself totally to the indwelling Christ for obedience. Do with me whatever you choose. Glorify and manifest your Son through me.

In His Identity,

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ON YOUR OWN

- 1. In preparation for our next session, could you please memorize Galatians 2:20:

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

Bring this truth to mind several times each day, and ask the Holy Spirit to make it meaningful and real to you.

- 2. Please study and review Romans 6:1-11, count how many times your death with Christ is referred to in the past tense. How many ? _____

- 3. Spend some time reviewing the diagram in the centre of the second lesson booklet. Look up the scriptures shown and let the Holy Spirit reveal these truths to you. Make notes of the ones that speak most loudly to you.

Our next session will be **SEATED, SETTING THE MIND, AND WALKING IN THE SPIRIT.**

Time _____ Place _____ Date _____

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LIFE ESSENTIALS

Lesson 3

CHRIST LIVING IN ME

In our first lesson we discovered that God truly loves us.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, That whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."(Jesus Christ) John 3:16

This verse is often called the "golden text" of the Bible, Likely because all Christians have discovered the vast love of God and have found Jesus Christ as their Saviour by it.

In our second lesson we began our discovery of who we are IN CHRIST, and how these truths provide the foundation for security, worth and value as a child of God.

In this session we will discuss:

- 1. How Christ lived when He was on earth.
- 2. How Christ lives on earth today.
- 3. What He provides and does in You.
- 4. How to respond to what you have learned.

1. HOW JESUS LIVED ON EARTH AS A MAN?

Jesus said:

"For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak." John 12:49

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works." John 14:10

"I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me." John 8:28

From these verses, what would you say:

Did Jesus ever do anything on His own? _____

On whom did Jesus, (the man) depend? _____

Where did Jesus get the words He spoke? _____

Through whom did God work? _____

During Peter's first sermon in Acts 2:22, Peter said:

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst,"

What did Peter call Jesus in this verse? a _____.

According to this verse, who raised Lazarus from the dead? _____

According to this verse, who fed the five thousand? _____

In your own words, how did Jesus live while here on earth? _____

When Jesus showed Himself to his disciples, after His resurrection, He said amongst other things:

"Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

John 20:21

What was He saying? In the same way that the _____ sent me to the world, with His _____ living in me to depend upon, in the _____ way, I, Jesus am sending you into the world, with _____ living in you, so that _____ can depend upon _____ to do My work through _____.

Jesus lived as a man was designed to live, by being totally dependent on the Father who lived in Him.

We are to follow Jesus' example, by being dependent upon Him.

"for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

Who is at work in you? _____

Who does the choosing as to what should be done? _____

Who does the work? _____

For whose pleasure? _____

How much room does that leave for you? _____

So we conclude that God's supreme purpose is that Christ should be so working in us, that the world around us would see Jesus.

He lives in us to display His splendour in a dark world, and because He is the light of the world, He makes us to be that light.

So Paul says it this way in Romans 12:1

"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."

God's call to us is not for commitment of all that we have or are, but rather to surrender to the place where our bodies become temples in which Jesus can live. This surrender is to be made in the truth of the cross, whereby we submit to God as Jesus did to the cross, so that our lives (as we know them) can be set aside to be used by God however He pleases.

4. HOW TO RESPOND TO WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED

Suggested Prayer of Surrender:

Dear Father, I thank you for delivering me from life in Adam and placing me in Christ Jesus.

I see that in and of myself, I cannot live the Christian Life, My desire is to know Christ, and allow Him to live His life in me.

I now give up on my self-sufficiency and do hereby surrender my life unconditionally into your hands. I give You permission to make me into the kind of person you want me to be.

I believe Your Word that I, my old self, has been crucified with Christ, has been buried and has been raised with Him into newness of life. I



"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

How much can we do without Him? _____

With Him, how much can we do ? _____ fruit.

What power did Paul use to do his work of ministry? Colossians 1:29

"For this purpose also I labour, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me."

What power did Paul, by faith employ in His work? _____

How much did Paul trust in himself? (his flesh, own resources)

Philippians 3:3 **"for we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh."**

How much did Paul trust in himself? _____

Who can overcome temptation? I Corinthians 10:13

"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."

How can we overcome temptation? _____ that God provides.

Jesus said, **"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life."**

Who then enables us to overcome temptation? _____

How do we overcome the flesh, that is our own resources and ways?
Romans 8:13 "for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

Who is it that overcomes the flesh in us.? _____

If we try on our own to overcome our fleshly ways, we will fail. (must die)

Who is it that does God's work? Philippians 2:13

Therefore,
He took up residence in me,
so that He could live His life for me, through _____.

Don't try to live your life for Him. Jesus wants to live His life in you.

The secret is to learn how to trust Him by breaking away from the way you have learned to trust in yourself. God makes provision for that too!

2. HOW CHRIST LIVES ON EARTH TODAY

To make it possible for Jesus to live through me,
something has to happen to get "me" out of the way.

That is where Galatians 2:20 becomes a very important verse;

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

The principles truths in this verse are extremely important for us to experience the miracle of Christ living in us, here on the earth, while we are here.

Let's look at this verse in segments.

The first line of this verse tells us that someone else died with Christ at the same time as Christ died. Who was it ? _____

What part of me was crucified with Christ?

Our body is still here, so that's not it. Stroke it off.

We can still think, feel, and make decisions, that's our Soul, and we can still do that.

So, it must have been our Old Spirit, the one we got from Adam. Circle that one.

Spirit____ Soul____ or Body____?

God's word says in Romans 6:6;

"knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;"

Same truth, only here the old me is called the _____ self, or the old _____, depending on which translation you use.

Why were we made to die with Christ in this verse _____?

When did your old self, (old Adam Spirit) actually die? _____

On your own, could you search Romans 6: 1-11 to see how many times your death with Christ is mentioned?. How many _____

Notice how many of them are in the past tense. _____.

Can you find in this portion of scripture what else happened to you at the same time that it happened to Christ.

When Christ died, _____ died with Him.

When Christ was buried I was _____ with Him.

When Christ was raised to newness of life I was _____ with Him.

The diagram in the middle of Lesson 2 illustrates these truths in graphic form.

What do you think of this miracle that has transpired _____

Sometimes we set aside God's miracles because they are difficult to understand, but that does not make them impossible or even unimportant.

In the same way that your sins were nailed to the cross, even though you had not yet committed them, so it is that your old self, even though you were not physically born yet, was also nailed to the cross.

This powerful miracle in God's word opens the doorway and makes room in you to allow Jesus to live His life in and through you?

Now lets look at another part of Galatians 2:20.

Going back to the 2nd and 3rd line of the verse, Now, Who is living in you?

This was made possible by your resurrection with Christ in Romans 6:5:

"For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,"

Who is living in you now? _____

What kind of life do you have?

Christ's Life, Eternal Life, Resurrection Life, New Life.

Mark which one applies, (trick question).

Just as by grace through faith you received forgiveness for your _____

You can also by grace through faith receive your death, your _____ and your _____.

That's' the new creation, and now by grace through faith you can receive the power of His Life to face _____ situation, _____ day, _____ hour, _____ moment.

Now just as Jesus was born in a _____ in Bethlehem, so He is now resurrected and _____ in your heart.

He is prepared and ready to live through you, as you by _____ exercise your trust in Him.

3. WHAT JESUS PROVIDES AND WORKS IN YOU

The testimony of the Apostle Paul shows us what he thought of this way of living in Romans 15:18

"For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."

What did the Apostle Paul only like to talk about. _____

How much can Jesus do through us? Ephesians 3:20

"Unto Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us,"

How much can Jesus do? _____

According to what ? _____

How much did Jesus say we could do without Him? John 15:5