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United Community Church

Alive in Christ: How Christ Can Transform Your Life

Galatians 2:20

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What You Must Do for Christ to Work in You?

Deal with your old life (sins you struggled with before Christ & struggle with now)

1. Christ died for your sin to free you from sin
2. As a Christian, there is a battle between your old life of sin and your new life in Christ
3. The more you put away your old life of sin, the more you will experience new life in Christ
4. Therefore, you must deal with the areas of the old life (sins) that have a stronghold in your life

Let Christ live through you

1. Christ has a desire to mold you into His likeness – produce fruit in you that reflects Christ’s character and nature
2. Only the Holy Spirit can produce that fruit as you allow Him to work in your life
3. Therefore, you must allow Christ to work in you by letting Him produce fruit as described in Gal 5:22-25

Live the Christian life by faith

1. Faith in Christ that He is continually with you
2. Faith in Christ that He knows what He is doing

What Can I Do?

1. Pray regularly – for yourself, for church, for city/world
2. Read and study the Bible daily
3. Work on those areas of your life you know are sin and ask Christ to give you the character qualities that reflect His mercy and love

“Become the Person Christ wants You to Be”

Spirit Controlled Life vs Sin Controlled Life

Sins of the Mind: evil thoughts, unforgiveness, covetousness, greed, lust, arrogance, spiteful, pride, ingratitude, selfish ambition, deceit, heartless, faithless

Spirit filled Mind: self-control, forgiveness, humility, appreciation, mercy, confidence, wisdom, faithful, gratitude, hope, impartiality, hope

Sinful Emotions: hatred, rebellion, bitterness, envy, bad temper, anger, unloving attitude, jealous, malice, rage

Spirit filled Emotions: love, joy, peace, patience, gentle spirit, kindness, compassion

Sins of the Mouth: lying, complaining, yelling, contentious, boasting, gossip, slander, disputer, backbiter, quarreler

Spirit filled Mouth: truthful, thankful, gentle answer, encourager, tactful, praise, pleasant, peace maker

Sins of Behavior: fornication, adultery, drunk, murder, ruthless, causes factions, without self-control, steals, violent, disobedient to parents, shows favoritism

Spirit filled Behavior: kind, righteous, obedient, good, courageous, endures, considerate, gentle, self-control, cooperative, sincere, servant, submissive, impartial

(Scriptures for the lists above: Mark 7:21-23, Romans 1:28-31, Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 4:25-31, and 2 Timothy 3:1-5)

Steps to repentance

Step 1 – “I am wrong; I have sinned” (Name specific sin or sins and confess those sins before your Father).

Step 2 – “I am sorry. I have sinned” (admit you were wrong and tell your Father you are sorry because you know your sins grieve Him).

Step 3 – “Father, forgive me of my sins” (Ask your Father for forgiveness knowing you will be forgiven)

Step 4 – “Father, cleanse me of my sins.” (Ask your Father to cleanse you from sin so that you will have a clear conscience and a clean heart. You will be able to walk away whole).

Step 5 – “Father, empower me with your Spirit.” (Acknowledge to your Father that you need His power every day to become like Him in what you say, how you act, and how you relate to others).

Keys to Spirit controlled living

(1) Keep your heart pure, 2 Tim 2:22, (2) Set apart Christ as Lord, 1 Pet 3:15, (3) Seek first His kingdom and righteousness, Matt 6:33, (4) Let the Spirit fill you continually, Eph 5:18, (5) Let the Spirit conform you to God’s image, Rom 8:29, (6) Give thanks in all circumstances, 1 Thess 5:18, (7) Do not put out the Spirit’s fire, 1 Thess 5:19