

The All In Christian

Romans 8:3-9

For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*,

and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

The Work of Jesus Christ

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Philippians 2:7 He emptied Himself...being made in the likeness of men.

God did not send Jesus in the appearance of flesh, He sent Him in the likeness of sinful flesh. Jesus was fully a man who was born under the law.

The Accomplishment of Jesus Christ

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The battle was joined, and the triumph secured in that same flesh which in us is the seat and agent of sin. (Expositor Bible commentator, Everett F. Harrison)

Romans 8:4 so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us,

In Romans 7, Paul says, "I can't do it." But now, through the work of Jesus Christ, Paul says that God's righteousness is fulfilled in us.

Who is us? Us is the ALL IN CHRISTIANS"

Romans 8:4 (those) who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

To live a real, successful, Christian life destined for the eternal Kingdom of God, requires commitment and the power of the Holy Spirit.

You must be saved
You must be submissive
You must be surrendered

1. You Must Be Saved

Romans 8:9 If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.
John 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

No one can live a righteous life without receiving the salvation of Christ Jesus and the life of the Holy Spirit.

God Intervenes

Salvation is of the Lord. If God did not intervene through His love and grace, no one would be saved, nor could they be.

Romans 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh

Romans 8:7 Because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*.

God draws the individual unto Christ through His Holy Spirit and the preaching of His Word.

John 6:44 "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him."

Matthew 11:27 *No one knows the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.*

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The Holy Spirit speaks through preaching. Man responds through repentance. Repentance involves a change in one's mind and in their spirit.

This change leads to a submission to obey the gospel.

2. You Must Be Submissive

Salvation sets one free from sin's control over them through the flesh.

We are still in sinful flesh. The flesh will still desire to be gratified.

Galatians 5:16-17 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Romans 8:12-13 We are under obligation, not to the flesh, if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

3. You Must Be Surrendered

To live a real, successful, Christian life destined for the eternal Kingdom of God, requires one to be all in!

The true Christian is an “All In Christian.”

This expression "to set the mind on" denotes far more than a mental process. It involves the whole will and desire of a person.

Colossians 3:1-4 if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. ⁽³⁾ For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Romans 8:14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.