

A STRONG FOUNDATION THE EXCHANGED LIFE

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Introduction

I have died, but Christ lives in me. And I now live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave His life for me. (Galatians 2:20, CEV)

When this happens, Jesus lives His life in me; working out His purpose through me! It's Jesus reaching with my hands, speaking with my lips, seeing with my eyes and loving with my heart.

You cannot live the Christian life by simply attending church, keeping the Ten Commandments or just reading your Bible. You must die so He might live through you.

Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message. (Mark 1:15, Message)

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel. (Mark 1:15, NKJV)

Pivotal Words in the Gospels:

Two key words here repent (or 'change your life') and believe.

1. In preparing the world for the coming of Jesus, John the Baptist preached repent and believe. (Matthew 3:1-8)
2. Jesus preached repentance. (Matthew 4:17)
3. The disciples' core message was repentance. (Mark 6:7-13)
4. After the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, repentance was at the forefront of the message. (Acts 2:38-39)
5. Paul started his preaching with the word repentance. (Acts 20:20-21)

Why Do We Need To _____?

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

Sin came into the world, condemning man to a life separated from God. Man, on his own is incapable of saving himself (Hebrews 11:6). Each person has been birthed by a sinful man so must be born again by a sinless saviour.

Study Scriptures: Genesis 2:16-17 & 3: 1-6; Proverbs 14:2; Isaiah 53:6; John 3: 1-6.

1. Who did sin start with? _____.
2. Mans own way leads to what? _____.
3. How can we be saved? _____.

How Do We Live the Exchanged Life?

Crucifying of the _____ man.

I have died, but Christ lives in me... (Galatians 2:20, CEV)

God only _____ what He _____.

1. He condemns humanistic living. Romans 8:3
2. He uncovers the sin in the sinner. John 3:19

We were _____ with Jesus on the cross.

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. (Romans 6:6, NIV)

We know that the persons we used to be were nailed to the cross with Jesus. This was done, so that our sinful bodies would no longer be the slaves of sin. We know that sin doesn't have power over dead people. (Romans 6:6, CEV)

Then He said to them all, "If anyone would come after me, He must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23, HCSB)

Taking Up Your Cross Represents the Willingness to Accept All That the Death of Jesus Christ Denotes and Demands

The _____ Life.

This is the single greatest gift anyone could ever be given. To be called a Son of the living God is the greatest title a human being could ever hold. Once I was lost but now, I am found! Once I was fatherless, now I have an eternal Father!

It is:

1. The partaker's _____.
For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end. (Hebrews 3:14)
2. A Daily _____.
And I now live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me. (Galatians 2:20, NIV)
Jesus' life was lived with total dependence on God the Father. (John 6:57; 5:19 & 14:10)
3. A devoted, committed and _____ life.
Not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25, Message)
Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them? (Hebrews 13:17, Message)