

Commitment to Christ

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Newness of life

We are given new life in Christ..

Romans 6:4-5 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

We now belong to Christ

We are purchased, bought, redeemed

Acts 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1 Cor 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body ^[a]and in your spirit, which are God's.

Christ lives in us

- Galatians 2:20**, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me."
- Galatians 5:24** And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- Matthew 16:24** "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me."

The Mind of Christ

—**Philippians 2:5-8** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it [\[a\]](#)robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but [\[b\]](#)made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

Surrender Our Life to Christ

—Lay down the old life, put on the new

—**Eph 4:22-24** that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

Both Christ and the Father dwell in us

- John 14:23** “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.
- John 14:6** “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
- 1 Cor 15:57** But thanks *be* to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Christ guides and strengthens us

- 1 Cor 1:24-30** but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
- 30-31** But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— ³¹ that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.”

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- ⁵“I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.
- ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you^[a] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. ⁸ By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

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Christ dwells in us by faith

- **Eph 3:16-19** that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
- that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

- **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- **Gal 4:6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!”
- **1 John 3:24** Now he who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Both Christ and the Spirit dwell in us

- **Romans 8:5-11** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
- But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰ And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies [c]through His Spirit who dwells in you.

The Spirit exalts Christ

- **John 16:13-14** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.
- **Col 1:18** And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

We seek to please Christ, not self

- **1 John 3:22** And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.
- **2 Cor 5:7-9** For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. ⁹ Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

We follow Jesus because we love Him

- **1 John 4:19** We love Him because He first loved us.
- **1 John 5:1-3** Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

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