

Christ Who is my Life

Daily

Col 3:1 Since, then, you have been **raised with Christ**, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For **you died**, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 **When Christ, Who is your life** appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. *Lord, I thank You that I have been positionally raised with Christ. I ask Your indwelling Spirit to prompt me to set my heart on things above and not on earthly things, for I died with Christ and my life is now hidden with Christ in You. I thank You that Christ is now my life and when He appears, I will also appear with Him in Glory.*

Lord's Day

John 14:16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you forever — 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you **know** Him, for He lives with you and will be **in** you. *Lord, thank You for asking the Father to send the Holy Spirit. Father, thank You for answering and sending Your Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, thank You for coming and indwelling every believer. Thank You for living in me.*

*Lord, the most wonderful, thrilling discovery that I have ever made is that **You are living within me** and ready and waiting to live Your life through me. Thank You! I yield myself and my body to You, and I give You full privilege to use it as You wish, as You live Your life through me.*

Thank You Lord, for what You are going to do in and through me. Whether You do anything or not (from my limited perspective), that is Your prerogative. I just want You to know

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that I am available to You and I thank You for what You will do.

Lord, I am not really sure what this present situation is all about, but one thing I am sure of is that You are alive and You are living in me. I thank You for how You are going to handle this situation. Thank You very much!

To be dominated by the flesh is to be dominated by the devil. To be dominated by the Holy Spirit is to be dominated by God.

Lord, I pray that You would dominate me completely, every thought, word, attitude, deed, and motive, every moment of every day.

Dying to self

Luke 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, **let him deny himself**, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

Gal 2:20 **I am crucified with Christ**: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the body I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Dying to self means to come to the place in life where you know for certain and acknowledge that you are totally incapable of living the Christian life and you turn the reins over to Him. *Lord, it has taken Your Spirit many years to teach me that I am totally incapable of living the Christian life by my own effort. I have tried to be like Christ, but I have totally failed. I am an absolute failure. My very best efforts are no better than filthy rags. (Isa 53:6) If I am to live the Christ-life, then You must do it. I take my hands off and ask You to live your life in and through me.*

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Monday

Lord, I am excited about the fact that You are alive and living in me and if I never know anything more than that, that is enough. I have never been more thrilled and happy as a Christian. Thank You, for what You are going to do.

*Thank You Lord for living **in** me. I don't know what You would like to do through me, but I thank You for the plans You have for me and what You wish to do in me and through me. I submit myself to You and I ask you to do what you would like to do in and through me. I grant you the freedom and right to go right ahead and do what You would like.*

The Lord gave His life on the cross in order to give us **His** life. Because we were dead in transgressions and sins (Eph 2:1) and needed life, He gave His life to us. He now indwells us and is ready to live His life through us. What can we say, but "Thank you"? *Thank You Lord, for coming to live in me! Thank You Lord for living through me. I don't know how or what You are going to do, but I thank You for what You will do!*

Father, I praise You for Your sovereignty over all the events of my life. There is no such thing as an accident or chance event in my life. You hold in Your power my breath, my life, and my destiny. Every trial that you allow is an opportunity for You to reveal Yourself to me, demonstrating Your love and power. I thank You that I can face the future with absolute certainty, for You hold my future and will never leave me nor forsake me. In addition You have promised that You work all things together for good to those who love You and are called according to Your purpose. I believe that and I thank you Lord for that reassuring promise.

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1 Cor 3: 16 **Know ye not** that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God **dwelleth in you**? *Yes, Lord, I do know it. I can't fully comprehend it, but I have an elementary understanding of it, and I believe it. Your Word says it is true and I believe it. Thank You for the reality of it. I don't need to experience it in order to believe it, but I would delight to see and experience Your Spirit at work in my daily experience. If it would please You, would You make Your living real and evident in my life, both to me and to others? May Your living in me and through me be evident in my condition both to myself and others also. May others see You living in me and through me.*

Tuesday

*Lord, thank You for coming to live in me, and I yield to You the right to do with me and in me all that You wish to do. My deliberate choice is that I am going to trust You, and the expression of my trust is "thank You." Thank You in advance for all that You are going to do, not only **in** me, but **through** me to those with whom I come in contact.*

Lord, it doesn't matter what You do in my life. All that matters is the fact that You are living in me and anything You want to do with me, in me, or through me is Your business and I will be happy with what You do or don't do. I am overjoyed with You, thank You.

Lord, I am so excited about the fact that You are alive and living in me. You have provided everything that I will need today for every situation with which I will be confronted. Today You have already made provision for those situations, and I just want to tell You I thank You! You can do with me whatever pleases You. Take me anywhere You want to take

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*me. Do whatever You wish to do in me. Take me anywhere you wish. Allow me to run into whomever you wish. You may do **with** me, **in** and **through** me, whatever You would like to do, and I will live today in utter expectation and anticipation for what that might be. Thank You in advance for what You are going to do!*

Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. 9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." *Lord, all that is mine is Yours. Why would I hold anything back? Why would I **not** present my body to You as a living sacrifice? Are my plans **better** than Yours? Are my ways **higher** than Your ways? Are my thoughts **higher** than your thoughts? Certainly not!*

Wednesday

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. *Lord, I present myself to You, a living sacrifice. I am available, and whatever You want to do with me is fine. Furthermore, Lord, if You choose not to do anything (from my very limited perspective), that also is Your business, and thank You just the same. You are still Lord and I thank You for Your peace and joy, and all You want to be in me. Thank You!*

Eph 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us

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to do. Phil 1:6 Being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 1Thes 5:24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. *Lord, I acknowledge that I am **Your** workmanship. I am not my own self-made project. The more I try, the more I mess it up. You began the good work in me and You will most certainly carry it on to completion. Thank You! I take my hands off and give You the freedom to complete the good work You desire to do in me.*

*Lord, I am totally inadequate to do Your work. Only You can do the work of God. It takes **Christ** to live the Christian life. You are at this very moment living in me. Thank You! You bought me at a tremendous price, I am not my own. I yield to You the freedom and the right to do what You would like to do in and through me.*

1Cor 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. *Lord, I know that the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in me, my body is His temple. I am not my own any longer, I have been purchased by the Son of God at an unfathomable price: His very Own life blood. Therefore I am instructed here to honor You with my body. Not by remodeling myself, but by yielding to You the ownership, use, and remaking of Your temple.*

*I am redeemed, but not with silver;
I am bought, but not with gold,
Bought with a price, the blood of Jesus,
Precious price of love untold.*

Author: James Martin Gray

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Lord, all that is mine is Yours. My life is Yours. You bought it with Your very own blood. You may now do with it whatever pleases You. I can say this with absolute confidence because I know that You are absolutely good and You cause all things to work together for good for those who love You, to those who are called according to Your purpose.

Thursday

*Lord, I am available for whatever You might want to do **with** me, **in** me, and **through** me today. I thank You for living in me. My life is totally at Your discretion for whatever You might want to do with me.*

Col 3:4 “When **Christ, who is your life**, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.” *Christian living is not my living with Your help, nor is it Your living with my help, rather it is Your living plus **nothing!** Lord, if I am going to live the Christian life, it must be You living in me Who does it. I reckon myself dead to sin and alive unto You. As You live Your life through me today, may You make this real in my experience: dead to sin and alive unto You.*

Lord, all that I am, or have been, or ever will be are Yours. “All that is mine is Thine” (1 Kings 20:4). This was determined on the day You went to the cross and purchased me with Your own blood. My life is now Your life. Your life is now my life. Thank You!

Father, I pray that as Your Holy Spirit is on the throne of my life and lives His life through me, that His living through me would make the sinner’s heart crave what he sees of Your Spirit in me, to make him sick of his sin, and cause him to hunger and

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thirst after Your righteousness, until he cries out from the depth of his soul: "Sirs, what must I do be to saved?"

Lord, may Your living in me and through me be a very strong magnet to draw lost sinners to Yourself. I pray that when people see me, they would see You instead of me and be drawn by Your Spirit to receive and know You as their Savior.

Friday

Lord, I am totally inadequate to live the Christian life! I give up trying! I can't do it. The flesh can't live the Christian life. I am now trusting You to live Your life in me. I place myself totally at Your service, totally available to You, to do exactly as You please. Thank You in advance for what You are going to do!

*Lord, You are right, I am totally inadequate. I've proved it over and over again by the way I have failed. You never expected anything more from me than failure. You never said that I could live Your life (the Christian life). On the contrary, there is every evidence in Scripture that tells me I cannot live the Christ life. For all these years, I have been living up to what You expected from me, which was absolute failure. I cannot live the Christian life, because I am not Christ, but you **are**, and I yield to You the right to live Your life in me.*

*Lord, I thank You that You know what You are doing in my life. This situation has **not** taken You by surprise. I know that You are adequate for this situation as well as every situation I will ever encounter. For that reason, I commit this and every situation to Your complete sovereignty, for You to do exactly what You want to do.*

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*It's not in trying but in trusting,
It's not in running, but in resting,
It not in wondering, but in praying,
That I find the strength of the Lord.*

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*Lord, I know and acknowledge that the strength to live the Christian life is not acquired by my **trying**, nor by my **running**, nor by my **wondering**, but it is by **trusting** (in the Lord with all my heart Prov 3:5,6), it is by **resting** (resting in the finished work of Christ), and by **praying**, (praying and yielding myself to You and giving You the authority and freedom to live Your life in me and to do Your work through me).*

Saturday

*Lord, I have discovered that living the Christian life isn't difficult...it is just plain impossible! It takes **You and You alone** to live Your life. If it is going to be done in my life, then You and You alone must do it. I ask you to live Your life in and through me today and every day, in a manner that accomplishes all that You wish to do in me.*

Lord, I have no idea what this current situation is all about, but I know that You do. My deliberate choice is this: I am going to trust You for what You will do. Thank You!

Thank You, Lord, for Your indwelling Spirit. Thank You for this present situation. Thank You for the way that You are going to provide and work out this circumstance. I don't know how or when You are going to work it out, but I know You! And that is gloriously sufficient! You know what to do, and my deliberate choice is this: I am going to trust You! Thank You!

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1 Thes 5:17 “Pray without ceasing. 18 In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” How can we give thanks in everything? It is in the absolute assurance that the Lord is in absolute control of every situation we will ever encounter. *Lord, I acknowledge that You are in absolute control of everything. You are in absolute control of everything that enters my life. I pray that Your indwelling Spirit would prompt me to thank You for every situation You either design or allow to come into my life.*

Behold Him

If I am to be like Him,
Then God in His grace must do it,
And the sooner I come to recognize it
The sooner I will be delivered from another form of bondage.

Throw down every endeavor and say,
I cannot do it, the more I try the farther I get from His likeness.
What shall I do?

Ah, the Holy Spirit says, you **cannot** do it;
Just withdraw; come out of it.
You have been in the arena,
You have been endeavoring,
You are a failure,
Come out of it and sit down,

And as you sit there **behold Him, look upon Him.**
Just be occupied with Him.
Forget about **trying to be like Him.**
Instead of letting that fill your heart and mind,
Let Him fill it.

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Just **behold Him**,
Look upon Him through the Word.
Come to the Word for **one** purpose
And that is to **meet the Lord**.

Not to get your mind crammed full of things **about** the Sacred
Word, but come to it to **meet the Lord**.

Make it to be a medium,
Not of Biblical scholarship,
But of fellowship with **Christ**.
Behold the Lord.

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and other authors.