

CHRIST WITHIN

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To have Christ within means that we want Him to be a part of our life—a joining together of our life with His life combining our attitude with His attitude. Philippians 2:5 *“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”* Jesus paid our entire sin debt by shedding His Blood on the cross—that is why we can be unified with Him as we live this life of faith in Him. WEY Romans 6:5 *“For since we have become one with Him by sharing in His death, we shall also be one with Him by sharing in His resurrection.”*

To have Christ within enables His Spirit to inspire faith in us to believe, and then we will act in faith on God’s Word. Satan always opposes every step of faith, therefore, when we are acting in faith we are not listening to the devil. Satan does not want us to prove what God will do for us when we are acting in faith on God’s Word. Satan wants us to make excuses, but God wants us to believe His promises.

Romans 6:4 WEY *“We by our baptism were buried with Him in death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from among the dead by the Father’s glorious power, we also should live an entirely new life.”* It is only a sincere heart who believes His promises, with a total trust on God that will be found trusting on an unseen God by faith—for health, healing, protection, provisions, and all other gifts that God has promised to the believer.

AV Romans 6:5-7 *“For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old [self WEY] is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve [be the slave of WEY] sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.”*

Ephesians 1:19 tells us that it is the *“exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe,”* that is able to change rebellion into submission; and to convert our rebellious heart into one that is willing to believe. It is a complete renovation and total transformation of our thinking and heart attitude.

This new life of trusting in God by faith for things, is extremely different from the old life of trusting the ways of the world for things. Our old life of dependence on self was crucified with Christ, so our new life of dependence on God is walking by faith with God's Spirit dwelling within.

That principle of trust on God is the foundation for the perfecting of our faith in Christ. AV Romans 8:10-11 *"If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."*

When we decide to truly believe in the Atonement sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of all past sins. God will then bestow the gift of His Holy Spirit upon us and will impart new spiritual life within our earthly body that wants to trust Him in faith for every life issue. We then have Christ dwelling within, and we are unified with Christ, and His Spirit will inspire faith in us to trust God for any answer to prayer.

We were spiritually dead because of our past sins, rebellious attitudes, and unbelief, but God still loved us, and He still gives us the opportunity to have spiritual life again, because Jesus came and died for us and then rose to life again—we just need to believe that and trust Him in faith.

This new life of trusting Him by faith was available to us before we took advantage of it, but that was when we were spiritually dead because of not believing in Christ's resurrection life and power. Romans 5:8 WEY *"God gives proof of His love to us in Christ's dying for us while we were still sinners."*

When Jesus rose from the dead, we came back from the old life of dead works to a new life of faith in God. AV Romans 6:8 *"Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him."* The gift of His Spirit inspires faith in us to believe and to act on that belief. At this point, all the consequences of sin have been removed. We are to see ourselves with the same spiritual condition that Adam had—before he sinned by disobeying God.

Romans 5:9 WEY *“If therefore we have now been pronounced free from guilt [justified AV] through His blood, much more shall we be delivered from God’s anger [wrath AV; judgment NLT] through Him.”* These are true facts, whether we believe them or not—but we will have to believe them to prove them to be true.

No one can be righteous before God by religious acts, good feelings, verbal statements, or pious appearance. God’s righteousness is received only by believing and trusting in faith on what the shed Blood of His Son accomplished for us. There is no merit required on our part, but all the merit is on His part—it is all in the Blood He shed for us.

Anyone willing to believe the facts that God has written in His Word, will receive remission of sins, and a right standing with Him—just as Cornelius was forgiven when he believed the apostle’s words Acts 10:33. A willingness to believe, cancels out everything God had against us, and replaces it with the righteous standing of Christ. At this point, we are able to receive everything God has for us.

We are to believe that when Jesus went to the grave, our sins went with Him—including every oppression of Satan, all trouble in our home, conflict at work, and any lack of essential needs. When Jesus rose from the dead; we began a new life of trust on Him—for health, healing, prosperity, and peace. NIV 1 Corinthians 1:30 *“It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.”*

Redemption buys something back, just as Jesus purchased our life and paid for our righteous standing with God by His sacrifice of Atonement. What has been lost through the sin of the first Adam, has been restored by the second Adam—Jesus Christ.

We either believe we are unified with Him by faith in God, or we do not believe and are cut off from Him in rebellion—there is no middle position. We are either united with Him, and have Christ within, because we do believe the Word; or we are disconnected from Him, without Christ, by not believing His Word. Everything is based on believing what God says about His Son—then acting in faith on that written Word.

NKJV 1 John 5:9-10 *"If we receive [accept WEY] the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son."*

Jesus' death was our death—we are dead to the old life of sin, sickness, unbelief, and trouble. Being united with Christ enables us to share in His peace, righteousness, health, protection, provisions, and everything else. Romans 8:34 WEY *"Who is there to condemn them? Christ Jesus died, or rather has risen to life again. He is also at the right hand of God and is interceding for us"*—He is there presenting our needs to the Father, who is ready to give us every good and perfect gift.

When the devil tries to get in, we are to refuse it in Jesus Name and counteract with Romans 8:1 NKJV, *"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."* It is not because of any merit in us, but all the merit is in Christ Jesus and His Blood sacrifice. Holding to that promise, and believing in that power, unites us with Christ.

The divine power of God cannot work, until we believe the testimony of His Son on Calvary's Cross. AV 1 Corinthians 1:18 *"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."* The power of God is the incredibly great power for anyone who believes Ephesians 1:19, *"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, —and that divine power provides health, healing, supplies, protection, redemption, and every other perfect gift from a loving Father.*

We died with Christ to everything connected to the curse of sin and were made alive with Christ to everything included in the promises of God. Our entire life is to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. NKJV 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 The apostle Paul told of trials *"which came to us in Asia: that we were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead."*

When we trust God in faith, we are united with Christ in truth. Jesus' resurrection to life gives us a right to claim and receive—healing, deliverance, daily needs, peace in our home, and victory over anything Satan has brought upon us. The Blood of Christ removes the curse of sin, so when we believe God's Word, and then act on His promise to heal, we can receive God's gifts.

We often experience the results of the first Adam's fall through unbelief, so let us experience the results of the Second Adam's resurrection through belief in His Atonement. Romans 6:5-6 WEY *"Since we have become one with Him by sharing in His death, we shall also be one with Him by sharing in His resurrection. This we know—that our old self was nailed to the cross with Him, in order that our sinful nature might be [destroyed AV], so that we should no longer be the slaves of sin."* The old sin nature is dead and no longer has any power over us.

If we choose not to believe, and do not accept the statement of God's Word, then the sin nature will continue to control our life; our attitudes; our home, and everything else we say and do. We are to see ourselves as the Word says we are—2 Corinthians 5:17 AV we are to be *"a new creature."*

This new life from God takes us back to Eden, when Adam and Eve lived in perfect peace, with everything supplied by God. Genesis 1:29 NIV *"I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food."*

Everything is supplied for free. He said to everything *"that has the breath of life in it—* NIV Genesis 1:30-31 *I give every green plant for food.'* And it was so. God saw all that he had made, and [behold AV] it was very good." Unified with Christ by our faith in God, and now living a new life of trust on the Atonement Blood of Jesus. What a loving and merciful Father—everything supplied for free—truly unified with Christ. Christ within the hope of glory.

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