

Study #6: Life in Christ

In this study we will look at an overview of the Life in Christ as a new creation.

1– Life in Christ means living By the Spirit: Romans 8: 12-14

A) The Spirit leads his children! At Baptism we are sealed with his Spirit.

B) We put to death the misdeeds of the body by the Spirit.

C) *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. Eph. 1:19 (We live a spirit-empowered life!)*

2– Life in Christ- Communion— also called Lord’s Supper/Lord’s Table. 1 Cor. 11: 23-32

A) Prepare spiritually to take this meal.

B) We are assembling to meet the risen Christ together at his Table.

C) We don’t need to be perfect to take the Lord’s Supper. We need sincerity (earnestness).

D) No matter how far we drifted that week, the Lord’s Supper is a time to refocus on Jesus, experiencing his love, forgiveness, and power, and edification. We should leave his table feeling stronger spiritually!

3- Life in Christ— Financial Giving

But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you[a]—see that you also excel in this grace of giving (2 Cor. 8:7)

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7

A- Giving should be generous, sacrificial, and consistent.

B- Tithing is an “idea” of sacrificial amount from the OT. (Malachi 3:10)

C– One great way to determine a weekly amount is to ask Jesus what you should be giving, and start giving the amount that he puts on your heart! (James 1: 5-6)

4- Life in Christ- Marriage and Dating Relationships

A- 1 Cor. 7:39 Christians Marry Other Christians.

*A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, **but he must belong to the Lord.***

B- 2 Cor. 6: 14-15. Christians should not be tightly bound to unbelievers— relationships can influence us away from Christ. (Dating /Spending too much time in worldly environments)

14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial[b]? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

(1 Kings 11:4—foreign women led Solomon’s heart astray. Christians are wise to only date other Christians to protect their hearts spiritually.)

C– 1 Thess. 4: 3-8. Christians remain sexually pure in dating relationships.

D- Godly Parenting: *Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord Eph. 6:4*

5- Life in Christ: Godly “One-Another” relationships:

** “Be devoted to one another in brotherly [and sisterly] love. Honor one another above your selves” (Romans 12:10).*

“Live in harmony with one another” (Romans 12:16).

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you” (Romans 15:7).

“Instruct one another” (Romans 15:14).

“Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” 1 Peter 4:9

Application: What are some of the things you are most looking forward to in your life in Christ? What do you think your biggest challenges will be in committing to a life in Christ? Are you ready for your new life in Christ?