

LIVE THE NEW LIFE!

When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun! - II Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)

Christianity is more than a religion; it is more than church attendance or membership. It is the very life of God lived out in man. Your salvation is more than just an escape route to heaven – it qualifies you for abundant life (John 10:10) and to reign in life through Jesus (Rom. 5:17). When you became 'saved,' you didn't go from a lost worm to a saved worm, No! You became the righteousness of Almighty God in Christ Jesus; you became raised with Him and seated with Him in heavenly places. You did not get born again to suffer again but to reign again as a king on the earth.

Jesus did not go through the agony of the Garden of Gethsemane and the cruel suffering of the Crucifixion just to help you a little bit. He went through the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection to radically change everything about your life. The price He paid was to forever transform you from the inside-out and turn you to a brand new man – not a man refurbished, but a man remade. The new birth makes you alien to a life of defeat, discouragement and depression. You pass from oppression to freedom and from death to life.

Thus, as a born again Christian, a new life has begun for you; you have become a co-sharer and partaker of the divine nature. That is, you share divinity with God. But if you don't know your place in Christ, you will live, talk, and subject yourself to the same sufferings that those without Christ and without hope are susceptible to; you will settle for less than all Jesus has provided for you in the redemption. Sadly, this is exactly the experience of many Christians.

It is mostly ignorance and laxity that make Christians not to walk in their redemptive rights. Therefore, it is crucial that you frequently renew your mind with the word of God so as to know what has already been freely made available to you. This will help you lay claim to, and exercise your rights in this truth, else, it will be lost forever – the same way that your money in the bank is worthless to you if you never place a demand for it.

Don't settle for anything less than 100% of your inheritance in Christ – You are more than you think you are! CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY!

SCRIPTURAL REFERENCE II Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)

ADDITIONAL STUDY Ephesians 2:4-6 Luke 10:19 II Peter 1:1-4

PRAYER POINT

Pray for the grace to constantly renew your mind with the truths about your inheritance in Christ, so you won't be a poor specimen of who a Christian is; and also the discipline to lay hold of them, so they don't become worthless to you.

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