

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: How does one live a Christ like life?****How does one live a Christ like life?, on: 2014/4/11 19:10**

Brethren I am not a theologian. But there are some of us in this forum who desire to live Christ like. We want our lives to be victorious over sin. We desire to be followers of the Lamb in the word and prayer.

I ask for practical suggestions. Not theological discussions. Please no cutting and pasting of articles. I ask for any saint who follows Jesus in simplicity and purity devotion.. How do you live Christ like in this present age?

Are there any practical saints that can please answer this question? Maybe provide some testimony. Or am I asking in the wrong forum?

Blaine

**Re: How does one live a Christ like life? - posted by SolaVeritas, on: 2014/4/11 21:27**

Blaine, I hope many more will find this post as I would love to hear from those here who know God deeper than I do.

Here is one thing that I have learned: We must be willing to give up everything. Most of us would readily agree because Jesus made that clear, but I see very few Christians actually living like it, yet Christ didn't live His life for Himself and we shouldn't either.

In practice it means that we surrender to the Lord in prayer our possessions, our health, our children and loved ones, our ambitions, careers, plans, lives, and then truly no longer consider them our own. For years I knew this, but never fully understood and certainly didn't live like it.

It comes down to trust. Are we afraid that God will take away what we give over to him? He may or He may not but in full surrender it doesn't matter anymore. This is how you check your level of surrender: Ask yourself if it would be ok if God took this particular thing from you (your house, career, social circle, sports, etc.). I spent years building up a business, it brought me respect in the community and was pretty much my identity. When I realized how important it had become for me, I told the Lord I would let it all go if He wanted me to and within a year it was gone. The Lord placed a door into ministry in front of me and I have never looked back.

While the surrendering is a daily thing in so many ways, having truly given over your life means that disaster, sickness or death hold no threat. It means that I do not make plans for what I will do in the coming years, where I will live and how I will spend my money. It doesn't matter, I lay no claim to it. I will go where He wants me to go and do what He wants me to do and it will be enough.

Jesus lived like that and we know it. Had He lived like many of His followers today, He would have talked much about His carpentry skills, put money aside to buy a house by the lake, insisted on hanging out with the old friends from Nazareth and spent time going to camel races. While doing some preaching/teaching of course. One or maybe two days a week, if it fit His schedule.

**Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/4/11 21:56**

Greetings Blaine

How does one live the Christ like life? Wow that is a wonderful question and for me the answers are in the BIBLE and the examples we see in the lives of the disciples. I believe it's about truly living my life in submission unto the LORD every moment of the day. Yielding all that I am and have unto HIM. It's about asking and seeking first the KINGDOM of GOD and then following HIS leading as I go through the day. It's about being a servant and putting the desires of others above my own, and caring for them enough to love them and be honest with them. It's about holding on to JESUS and dying to the flesh. It's about letting HIM truly be LORD of my life, over my time, my family, my choices, every aspect of my life belongs to HIM. It's about walking it out every moment of the day, and not just talking about it. Now I can not say honestly I live this daily but the desire of my heart is to do so. I seek to walk with HIM and to submit myself unto HIM and daily HE helps me in doing so more and more. Living for GOD and loving HIM mean I have a willingness to obey HIM. I place my trust

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ust and faith in HIM, knowing no matter what tomorrow might bring HE has got it all covered. Will the day ever come when I can say, "ok I have arrived, I have made it and I don't need you LORD." No! Never! That day will never come because living a CHRIST like life is all about dependency on GOD our FATHER!

Just my heart on this, thank you for allowing me share it with you.

God bless

mj

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2014/4/12 10:54**

- showing mercy
- listening to God's voice

**Re: - posted by MaryJane, on: 2014/4/12 11:02**

by sermonindex on 2014/4/12 7:54:58

- showing mercy
- listening to God's voice

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I can add to that:

- seeking God's KINGDOM first when I wake
- seeking God's KINGDOM last before I sleep
- extending myself to others

**Re: How does one live a Christ like life? - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2014/4/12 11:40**

Quote:

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These are the most practical things, daily in the word and prayer. The key though is the motive behind these activities; if I think that because I do these things I am more spiritual then they are like wood, hay, and stubble. If however I do these things to meet God; if I expect that He will speak to my heart from His 66 letters to me, and if I expect that he is really present and hears my prayers, then there will be gold, silver, and precious stones.

I expect nothing of myself, I expect everything of Him. Anything more is just self-effort. There's been a lot of wood, hay, and stubble in my walk but thank God He has shown me this now (before it all goes up in smoke on that day), so that I can build on the right foundation those things that will last.

In Christ,

Ron

**Re: How does one live a Christ like life? - posted by Friedrich (), on: 2014/4/12 18:20**

- Keep a mindful watch over your feelings and pray in your heart as often as you can.
- Watch that your physical diet doesn't starve your spiritual revelation.
- Silence is sometimes much better than a trail of jesting and joking.

**Re: - posted by KPYee, on: 2014/4/13 2:44**

Pray pray pray

Confess all your sins to Him .  
Ask not only for forgiveness.  
Ask also that He will purify you completely of all sins , iniquities and transgressions .  
If you dont see your sins ask Him to show them to you  
Crave to be cleansed of sins in all forms.Sins of thought, of words and deeds.  
Sins of all types . Lust of the flesh.Lust of the eyes and vainglory of life

Ask Him to fill you with His Spirit .  
Fill you with His thoughts , His Mind , His passion.  
Be saturated with Him.

Desire earnestly for Him to make you like Him.  
Never try to be like Him without abounding in prayers .

Meditate on His word daily. It fortifies us in holiness

Persevere and be patient. All of us are infested deeply with sins .Sin is a bondage . It does not release its prey willingly.  
So dont be disheartened when you seem not to be making much headway. Remember Jesus took 3.5 years to refine his disciples

**Re: How does one live a Christ like life? - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2014/4/13 6:38**

An absolute conviction that the Lord Jesus Christ is everything.

On a practical level, its making the Lord Jesus Christ the obsession of your life.

The peripheral stuff will take care of itself.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/4/13 8:00**

It helps to be around other believers who also want to burn for the Lord. I do not think this can be stressed enough.

Being obedient in the little things; God reveals Himself to us as we obey. Good intentions are not enough. Jesus taught a practical faith. We must do the practical things.

Worship, worship worship. While in the car, cutting the grass, or cooking dinner. I find that if I go through a season where I have not worshipped (outside of a church service) then I have slipped backwards.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/4/13 13:27**

Denny your will and take up the cross everyday. Jesus took the cross everyday of his life. He did not do his will but his fathers will. Cross is a symbol that when my will and god's will cross each other I yield to do his will. There is no short cut to christlikeness other than taking up our cross. Every temptation that we face is simply this whether we do our will or his will. A broken man will acknowledge that he cannot do God's will all the time by his own strength but by God's grace alone he can be an overcomer.

**Re: How to live the Christ-like life - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2014/4/13 14:10**

How to live the Christ-like life?

First by recognizing that it can't be done.

That is, can't be done apart from Christ living in me.

The Christ-like life... is Christ.

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2014/4/13 14:32**

He that says he abides in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. 1 John 2:6

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/4/14 10:16**

ADisciple wrote: How to live the Christ-like life?

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There is an excellent book by Watchman Nee entitled "The Secret of Christian Living".

I believe that this book is at the heart of how we are to live the Christian life.

The first thing that we need to realize is that only Christ can live the Christian life. We cannot do it by attempting to copy or imitate Christ or by any effort of the flesh or through will power.

We need to know that we are in Christ and that Christ lives in us.

"For me to live is Christ." (Philippians 1:21)

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 flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20).

If we are to live like Christ, then Christ must live in us. He is living in us so that He can live through us.

In order for Christ to live His life through us, our minds must be renewed by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. Our part is consecration. Submitting ourselves to God in total obedience to His will.

"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.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Romans 12:1,2).

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In order to live the Christ life life, we must deny self, take up our cross, and follow Jesus. (Luke 9:23).

We can't follow Jesus unless we are denying self and taking up our cross.

Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.â€ (Philippians 3:13, 14).

**Re: , on: 2014/4/14 10:34**

Brethren thank you for your posts. As I have read them they garbage fragrance of Jesus. Truly go if thoughts from the heart of Jesus..

Blaine

**Re: , on: 2014/4/14 10:37**

Something AbideinHim said resonated in my spirit. Can we say to live a Christ like life is to have the indwelling Christ Himself living in us?

Blaine

**Re: , on: 2014/4/14 11:12**

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 flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

2Co 4:11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

Rom 8:11 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.

John 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing

**Re: How does one live a Christ like life? - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/4/14 15:44**

It is impossible to live Christ like in this present age without abiding in the Vine. We not only have to recognize the fact that we are in Christ and that Christ lives in us, but we need to receive the life that is in the Vine. This speaks of having deep fellowship and communion with the Lord. Much prayer, keeping our eyes on Jesus, meditating on His Word. Allowing the Holy Spirit to have His way in us. Only the Holy Spirit can make us like Christ.

Mike

**Re: - posted by jujashan4 (), on: 2014/4/15 8:52**

Thanks everyone for your responses and thanks Blaine for the question.

Encouraging and refreshing.

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**Re: How does one live a Christ like life? - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/4/15 11:37**

Thank you Blaine and all of you that participated in this discussion. We can all benefit as each member of the Body give s forth his or her portion.

This subject of being like Christ is of upmost importantance in the plans and purposes of God for every child of God.

God is going to have sons and daughters that are conformed to the image of His Son.

There is no greater witness to the world and sinners than a saint that is allowing Christ to live, to love, and to manifest Himself through them.

Mike

**Re: - posted by jujashan4 (), on: 2014/4/15 20:13**

Thanks everyone for your responses and thanks Blaine for the question.

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**Re: - posted by budgie, on: 2014/4/17 19:47**

When one has nothing and is in a wilderness place he turns to God in rejoicing rather than the desires of the flesh and complaining

When one has everything he surrenders all to desire God and rejoices

It is the image that Jesus showed to us

**Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2014/4/19 6:07**

Quote: "" Can we say to live a Christ like life is to have the indwelling Christ Himself living in us?""

There is no other way for the one that has Christ birthed in them by the Father and given the Holy Spirit in us forever, the sealer of our life in Christ and His life in us.

Colossians 1:25-29 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

Now the life I live I live by the faith of the Son of God, for it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me. This is what makes us sons of our Father who just happens to be the Father of our Lord, Savior, Brother and new life in Him.

Galatians 2:16-21 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. 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 flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

His resurrection life, His faith, His works, His wisdom, His righteousness, His sanctification and His redemption, Gods Grace.

By the Grace of God, The Life and Spirit Christ birthed in me of the Seed of the Father. 1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible (parentage seed, spore), by the Word (Logos) of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Ephesians 2:7-10 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us that

through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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Christ in you the hope of Glory.

In Christ: Phillip