

Session Seven

Our New Life In Christ

What we are proposing you do in this training is to seriously move out into your community and begin a disciple-making ministry that could in time fulfill the Great Commission in your community. If you understand this, then you could be overwhelmed and have to admit that you can't possibly do this – it is beyond you! That is why this session is vitally important! You need to realize that it is not really about you at all. It is totally about what Jesus Christ will do through you if you are available to let Him be your very Life!

Christ's Life = Eternal Life



Eternal Life means Eternally Present

“Eternal Life” is more than just a long life; it is a whole new life - the type of life that God has, with no limitations of any kind.

Jesus prayed to His Father:

“Now this is Eternal life: That they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.”

John 17:3

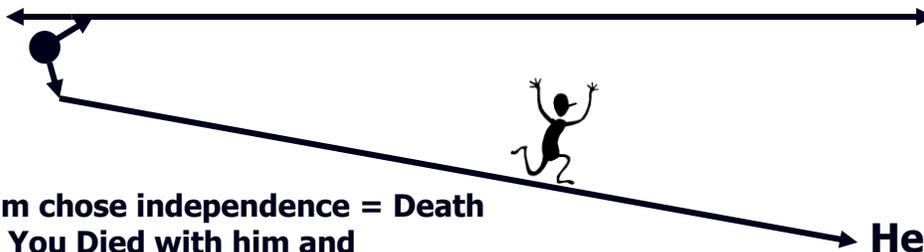
“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, *“who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

Revelation 1:8

God's name is: **“I AM”** He always was and He always will be **“I AM”**!

Adam was created Neutral neither Holy nor Sinful. God placed before him 2 choices – the **Tree of Life** (Dependence on God and His Eternal Life) and the **Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil** (Independence from God = Death)

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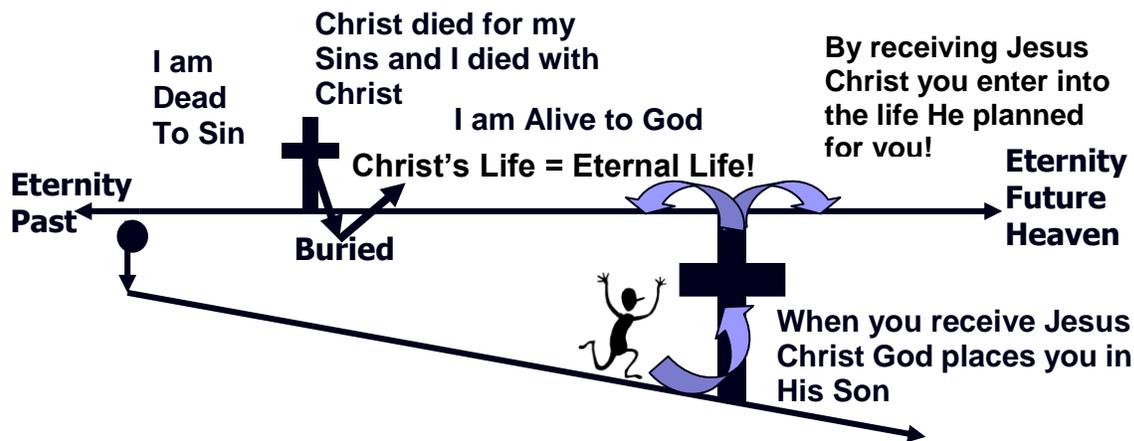
**Adam chose independence = Death
and You Died with him and**

Hell

If your father died before he had any children - how would that have affected your life? You would have died physically in your father when he died! In the same way we died spiritually in Adam when he died!

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned ...”

Romans 5:12



"God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus..."
Ephesians 2:6

"I have been Crucified With Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."
Galatians 2:20

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."
Romans 6:4

Can you say what Paul said?

"I have been Crucified With Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me."
Galatians 2:20

Would you like to receive Jesus Christ? If so, pray this prayer with me.

Lord Jesus, I have sinned against You by living independent from You. Thank You that You died for my sins and that I died with You. I invite You to come into my life and live Your Eternal Life in me. Amen

Read Romans 6:3-11.

(To be baptised means to be totally identified with Christ.)

- (v.3) When Christ died
I died with Him
- (v.4) When Christ was buried,
I was buried with Him
- (v.4,5) When Christ was raised to new life in the resurrection
I too was raised to walk in newness of Life
- (v.6) Knowing that my Old Self was crucified with Christ,
I am no longer a slave to sin
- (v.7) Because I died,
I am now free from sin
- (v.11) I must now consider as fact that
I am dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus

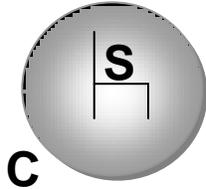
That Is Who You Are In Christ Jesus!

Therefore You Have a New Life With Power! This New Life is Your New Potential

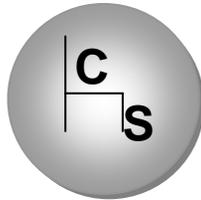
*The following is adapted from the booklet "Have You Made the Wonderful discovery of the Spirit Filled life?" by Dr. William Bright

EVALUATE YOUR SPIRITUAL CONDITION

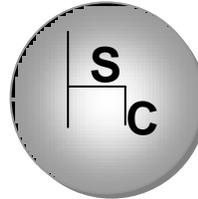
Non-Christian



Spiritual Christian



Carnal Christian



NON-CHRISTIAN - I Corinthians 2:14 – A person who does not trust Jesus Christ's death as payment for his/her sins.

Self is in control. Christ is outside of this life.

When a Person Receives Christ He/She Becomes a New Creation

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17

SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN - I Corinthians 2:15 – This person trusts Christ as Savior and is allowing the Holy Spirit to empower and direct his/her life.

Christ is in this life and in control. Self is yielding to Christ and the Holy Spirit is producing Spiritual fruit by directing this life.

CARNAL (FLESHLY) CHRISTIAN - I Corinthians 3:1, 2 – This person has trusted Christ as his/her Saviour but is now living in the energy of the flesh, not in the power of the Holy Spirit. He/She is running this life.

Self has taken control. Christ Is In this life, but He is Ignored and Not Invited to Direct the life

Signs of Carnality (Check any of the following that you recognize in your life)

- **Spiritual Ignorance**
- **Unbelief**
- **Disobedience**
- **Loss of love for God/Others**
- **Poor Prayer life**
- **No desire for Bible Study**
- **Legalistic attitude**
- **Impure thoughts**
- **Jealousy**
- **Guilt**
- **Worry**
- **Discouragement**
- **Critical spirit**
- **Frustration**
- **Aimlessness**

Getting Christ Back in Control

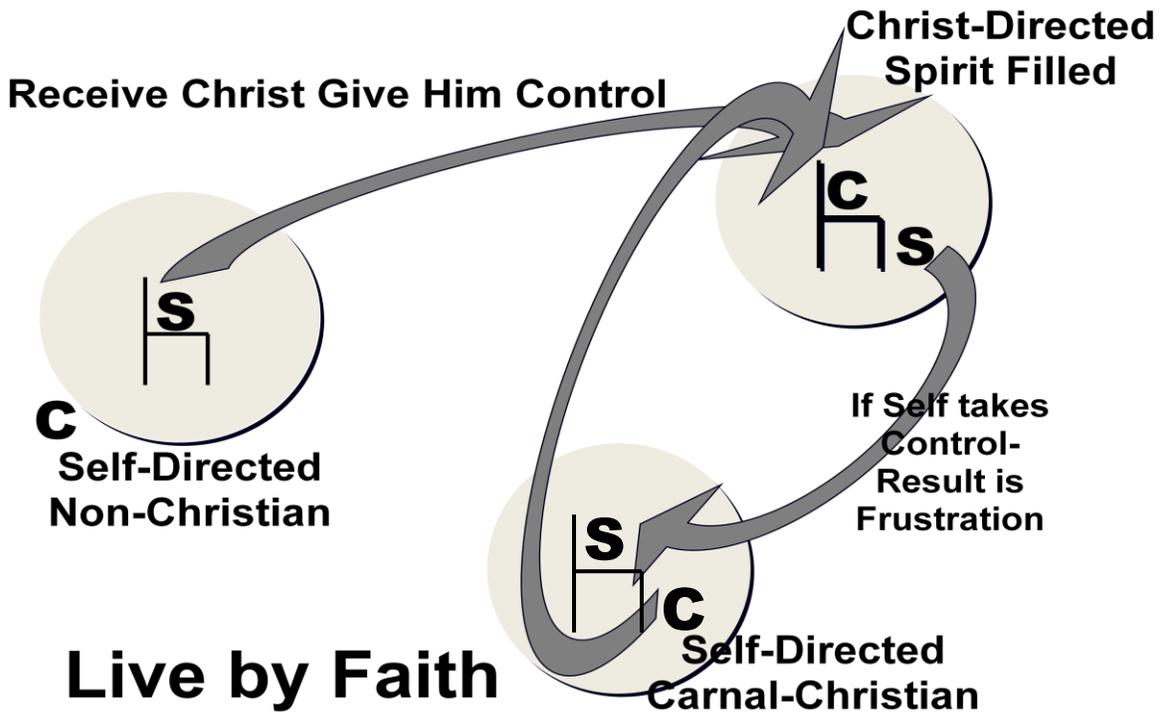
- **Confess** any known sin. (Psalm 66:18)
- **Surrender** every area of your life to Christ. (Romans 6:12,13)
- **Ask** the Holy Spirit to direct and empower you.

We know it is God's will because He commanded us to be filled (directed and empowered).

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.” Ephesians 5:18

- **Claim** His promise by faith. Read 1 John 5:14, 15.
He said He would answer any prayer that is in line with His will.

Summary



How to be Directed and Empowered by the Holy Spirit

To live the Spirit-directed life is to let Christ live His Supernatural Life in you by faith, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

This prayer is one way to ask God in faith to direct your life.

“Dear Lord, I have sinned against You by directing my own life. Thank You for forgiving my sins. I now ask You to take complete control of my life. In faith I now claim the Holy Spirit's power and control and I thank You for directing me.”

What Would Result if I asked to be Filled with the Holy Spirit?

“...when the Holy Spirit controls our lives He will produce this kind of fruit in us: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control ...” Galatians 5:22-23 TLB

Do You Want to be Directed and Empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Are you willing to let Christ live His Supernatural Life in you by faith, through the power of the Holy Spirit?

If so; pray this prayer and ask God to direct your life.

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How to keep the Holy Spirit in control of your life

Spiritual Breathing

Breathe Out

- **Confess any Known Sin**
- **Surrender to Christ**

Breathe In

- **Ask the Holy Spirit to Direct your life**
- **Claim His Promise by Faith**

Live By Faith!