

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

LIVING IN CHRIST

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LEARNING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Only those who have experienced the grace of God truly know what's so amazing about grace and will live their lives accordingly. **verses 1-6; Matthew 18:21-35**

The unconditional love of God was evident in their lives. **verses 7-8**

The apostle Paul said it another way: *"The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."* **Romans 5:5**

He encouraged these new believers to increase in the knowledge of God, to be fruitful and to walk in obedience. **verses 9-11**

God has transferred us out of the kingdom of Satan and into the kingdom of Jesus. **verses 12-13**

There is power in the blood. Cain found this out when God rejected his sacrifice. **verse 14; Genesis 4:3-5**

WHO IS JESUS?

Paul went into great detail to describe the authority and power of Jesus to dispel the Gnostic heresy about Jesus. **verses 15-19**

[Gnostics claimed secret knowledge. They believed that matter is evil and the God of the Bible to be a lower god. The Absolute Supreme Being was unknowable. Jesus could not be God in the flesh because matter is evil. They believe Jesus became the Christ (Messiah) when the "heavenly Christ" came upon Him at His baptism.]

In order for God the Father to reconcile mankind back to Himself, Jesus had to be fully God and fully man.

THE ATONEMENT

Peace was made by the shedding of blood; enemies have been made friends. **verse 20; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Your evil works and carnal mind set you at variance with God. **verse 21**

Jesus became a man and died for mankind to reconcile us to the God the Father. When God the Father looks at you, He sees the righteousness of Christ in you. **verse 22; Galatians 2:20-21**

Continue in the faith and don't be seduced by false teachers. **verse 23**

Paul chose to look upon the suffering he endured as a good thing and death wasn't anything to be scared about. **verse 24; Philippians 3:1-10**



It was the will of God that Paul was a minister of the Gospel. **verse 25**

CHRIST IN YOU

God hid the role that Jesus would play in redeeming mankind. **verses 26; 1 Corinthians 2:6-8; Ephesians 3:1-11**

*“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. **For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**”* 1 John 3:8

Christ in you, the hope of glory! Jesus is revealed as the source of the hope for mankind. **verse 27**

There was a fire within Paul to share the Gospel so that no one would perish; he didn't try to do it on his own but operated in the power of the Holy Spirit. **verses 28-29; John 3:16**

LIVING IN CHRIST

What does it mean to live in Christ? God has done all the work; there is nothing for you to do but accept the finished work of Jesus on the cross. Jesus sacrificed His life and paid for your sins. God has forgiven and transferred you into His kingdom. It is Christ in you, the hope of glory!

Christianity is not about obtaining eternity insurance because we don't want to go to hell but a realization that we are sinners and that God came to the earth as a man to pay for the sins of mankind. It is Christ in us that gives us the hope of glory – here on earth and in eternity to come. Jesus is the doorway. Jesus is the way. Jesus is the truth. Jesus is the life. Everything happens through Jesus.