

A vibrant, long-exposure photograph of a waterfall in a dense forest. The water flows over a series of dark, moss-covered rocks, creating a soft, ethereal effect. The surrounding foliage is lush and green, with sunlight filtering through the trees. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

**IS THE
CHRISTIAN LIFE
A “WHAT” OR
A “WHO”?**

Many Christians ask, "WHAT does it really mean to live the Christian life?"

Have you been told that the Christian life is a set of rules to follow, a checklist to complete, or certain things that you must DO to please God?

How might it change your view of the Christian life if you discovered that it is not about "WHAT" you DO?

What if the real question is:

"WHO is the Christian life?"

Jesus gives us the answer when He says:

"...**I AM** the way, the truth, and the **LIFE**..." John 14:6

"**I AM** the resurrection and the **LIFE**." John 11:25

Jesus proclaims that He is the LIFE!

Since Jesus is the life, then the Christian life
is a "**WHO**" not "**What we do.**"

**The Christian life is a Person.
It is Christ HIMSELF.**

Paul makes this truth more personal in Colossians 3:4:

“...Christ, Who is YOUR life.”

What Paul is saying in this verse is that Christ is not only the life, but He is also YOUR life.

He says it another way in Philippians 1:21:

“For to me, to live IS Christ...”

Paul makes it clear that CHRIST truly is the Christian life.

What does it mean that Christ is your life?

"He is the SOURCE of your life..."

1 Corinthians 1:30

Christ as your life means that He is
the SOURCE you are to live FROM
in every area of your life.

Acts 17:28 further emphasizes that Christ is your source:

"In Him we live and move and have our being..."

Since Christ is your life, the Christian life is NOT a life that you live FOR Christ by trying to keep a set of rules or by completing a checklist in order to please Him.

**Rather, it is Christ Who wants
to live out His life IN you.**

"I have been crucified with Christ;
it is no longer I who live, but

Christ lives IN me..."

Galatians 2:20a

What is YOUR part in Christ living His life in you?

Jesus gives us the answer in John 15:5:

"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit..."

As the physical branch is totally dependent on the physical vine for life, you, as a spiritual branch, are designed to live totally dependent on Christ, the spiritual Vine, for life.

**Your part in allowing Christ to live
His life in you is DEPENDENCE.**

God's design for you is to walk in total dependence on Christ as the Source for living life.

Jesus further emphasizes this truth in the second part of John 15:5 when He says that we cannot live the Christian life apart from dependence on Him:

".....for APART from Me you can do NOTHING."

The truth is that you cannot live the Christian life independently of Christ.

How do you live in total dependence on God?

It is by FAITH.

"...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

Galatians 2:20b

What is faith?

Faith is an ongoing **attitude** of dependence on God that says:

"Lord, I am trusting You to do what only You can do, and I can't."

What is God's promise for your life as you live in dependence on Christ?

Jesus answers this question in John 10:10:

"I have come that they might have life and have it ABUNDANTLY."

Abundant life is the life which God produces in you as you walk by faith in Him.

It is a life of transformation that results in freedom, victory, healing, and a deeper relationship with God.

Would you like to know more about what it means
for Christ to live His life in you and for Him to
transform your life?

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