

*Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

## **New Life, New Living**

The beginning of Christian living is immeasurably important! Firstly, we must know that God had already prepared everything for me prior to my salvation, and he is still working continuously for 24 hours in my life after I am saved. Christian living is: the whole process of, first seeing what God has prepared and things that he had already or is currently working in my life and living. Then submit to His plan with a joyful heart, receive and apply His power to walk with Him. All these mysteries are hidden within God's word and the Holy Spirit's dwelling place – my life and my living fields. Because we know these mysteries, the wonderful conviction of the Spirit thus enters into the depth of my heart. An abundant and powerful Christian living starts from here.

### **1. Many believers misunderstand Christian living and unknowingly enter into religious living**

- 1) Although they have learned a lot of knowledge about God, they always fail in matters of conversing with God practically
- 2) They can only worship God in specific time and places but they cannot enjoy constant worshipping in their daily living
- 3) The content of their prayer are mostly about repentance and their own needs
- 4) Misunderstand that the purpose of Christian living is ferventness and good works, assuming these are the conditions to sanctification
- 5) Because of their lack of understanding of God's Word, their Christian living is built upon mysticism, abstraction and imagination instead of reality brought about by promises
- 6) Only blindly do things for God with great effort and zealousness. But cannot discover what God has bestowed upon me, and what is He currently doing for me. Thus, they always sink into weariness in their ministries

### **2. Christian living is to realistically meet, converse and walk with God who is a personality**

- 1) Christian living begins when a person receives God's word and the Holy Spirit in his life <Jn 4:24>
- 2) Firstly, must understand and believe that the 'Jehovah Jireh' God has already prepared for me the eternal blessings from heaven and earth <Eph 1:15-23>
- 3) Upon believing in God's covenant realistically, begin conversing with Him in love <Ro 8:15>
- 4) With increasing daily experience of answers brought by conversing with God, faith, hope and love will also grow steadily
- 5) Because of increasing knowledge and experience of God's word and the Holy Spirit mystery, my desire, plan and method also get renew and sanctify each day <Eph 5:15-21>
- 6) Will gradually receive the Holy Spirit guidance in all my daily 24 hours living fields
- 7) Will bear many fruits of the Holy Spirit within my inner life (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control)
- 8) Will naturally bear outer fruits (meetings → evangelism → disciples → Ends of the world: establish kingdom) <Mt 28:18-20>

### **3. Firstly, have to understand the promises that God bestows**

- \* The bible is the promise bestowed by God (Holy Covenant: Old Covenant, New Covenant)
  - 1) We receive the identity as children of God and thus, use this identity to converse with God <Jn 1:12>
  - 2) God promises to be with us and lead us in all situations and occasions. Therefore, will be able discover this evidence in daily living <Jn 14:16-27>
  - 3) Gave said [You ask and I will answer you]. Therefore, we should enjoy the privilege of praying in all occasions <Jn 15:7>
  - 4) God said [All authority is in the name of Christ]. Therefore, we must hold on to the covenant realistically and use this privilege in the name of the Lord <Lk 10:19>
  - 5) God already bestowed upon us the eternal inheritance from above. Therefore, our lives' motives, reasons and contends must be in conjuncture with this inheritance <Mt 6:33; Ac 1:8>

### **4. Must also experience what is called the Holy Spirit's conviction**

- 1) The Holy Spirit's conviction comes through God's Word <Jn 14:26>
  - 2) He is giving us convictions for 24 hours in all situations and occasions <1Th 5:16-19>
  - 3) When I have the heart desire to receive it, His convictions will be clearer <Jas 4:8; Mt 5:8>
  - 4) The more I forsake the desire of my old self, the more sensitive I am to receiving Holy Spirit's conviction <Ro 8:5-17>
  - 5) The convictions given by the Holy Spirit can be confirmed through the appearance of the 9 fruits of the Spirit <Gal 5:22-23>
  - 6) The Holy Spirit's conviction is such that, the more you experience, the deeper it becomes <1Co 2:10-16>
- \* From the moment we were saved, God's entire mysteries enter into my life. What is meant by Christian living is the process of discovering these great and unsearchable mysteries continuously. The greatest enemy in our Christian living is our disbelief, anxieties, and humanistic thinking and method. The devil always attacks me through these channels. The only solution is to hold on continuously to the promises of Christ; putting on the full armour of God and pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer <Eph 6:10-18>.