

Timothy ... will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

Paul - 1 Corinthians 4:17 (NIV)

# In Christ

Or don't you know that all of those who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death...burial...and resurrection.

Paul - Romans 6:3-5 (NIV)

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Obey the five commands listed below and experience your life "in Christ." Experience the abundant life through living by grace. Notice that each command is either to believe something or to choose to do something.

## THE FIVE COMMANDS

### Believe

Romans 6:11

Reckon (believe) yourselves to be dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord

### Choose

Romans 6:12

Do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey it in its lusts

### Choose

Romans 6:13a

Do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin

### Choose/Believe

Romans 6:13b

Present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead.

### Choose

Romans 6:13c

[Present] your members as instruments of righteousness to God.

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We can and should obey each of these commands because Romans 6:3-5 teaches that all believers have been baptized into Jesus and as a result all believers have been baptized into his death, burial, and resurrection.

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Fay, my wife, and I became Christians in 1980 at a point of crisis in our marriage of 5 years. As is common with new Christians, we were very enthusiastic after being saved. I had a strong desire to do all I could for Jesus. We spoke with much excitement to our parents about our salvation. I recall my mother telling me "not to be too zealous." Wow, she had just thrown water on my fire!"

At that same time we were seeking a church home. One Saturday, after visiting a local church, the pastor dropped by and asked us if we knew about living by grace. He began to explain how, as Christians, we were now in union with Christ. He said we no longer had to be subject to sin, such as anger. He told us Christ could give us direction in all areas of our lives and enable us to meet all trials. In fact, he began to answer all the questions raised in our Bible study that very week. Fay and I were astounded! God had sent the answers we were seeking right to our doorstep in the form of David Kuykendall, the pastor of the church we visited the Sunday before. We couldn't wait to join the church!

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Many of the young couples we became friends with had husbands attending seminary. They all planned to be preachers or missionaries and time spent with

them only refueled my fire. Again I wanted to do all I could for the Lord. I began to feel convicted about surrendering to full time ministry. I prayed about it and when I shared my conviction with Fay, she calmly said that God hadn't told her. Bam, another cold pail of water.

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Christian was that I still thought I knew better than God. I wasn't being rebellious but I was trying to do it all myself instead of waiting on God to show me what to do. Even Jesus limited himself to doing only what the Father showed him (John 5:19). Although dedicated, I really wasn't available and had no idea what God wanted me to do even though He had already made plans for me (Eph. 2:10).

I learned to relax and wait on God to lead me. I studied His Word (not enough) to help prepare myself. And God has blessed me by bringing my two daughters and my father (after over twenty years of sharing with him and only one year before his death) to salvation.

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God has also blessed me by allowing me to conduct several Bible studies, work in a Christian organization for the past eleven years, and teach at a Christian university for the past two years.

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In the past several months our ministry has been contacted by several people from across the nation who are living out the life of grace.

We have heard from some who have been experiencing their union with Christ for many years.

Others have lived out the exchanged life for only months. Still others are desiring materials for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the message.

Whatever the background our mail is indicating a deep hunger and thirst for righteousness. And Jesus said that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled.

And righteousness, of course, is what the New Testament promises for those who live out the life of grace.

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### ***Spreading the Message***

In Romans 6:13 Paul concludes his guidance for experiencing the life of grace

with the command that we give each part of our bodies to God that He might express His righteousness through them.

In Romans 5:17 where Paul is laying the ground work for teaching the life of grace, he writes that we are to (continue) to receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness.

If you are hungering and thirsting for righteousness, our ministry provides free materials on how to experience the life of grace.

Perhaps you are looking for materials to use to share the message with others. Either way, we provide the literature free of charge.

You will see below several different ways you can contact us for the materials.

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