

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.

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.

# SPREADING THE "IN CHRIST" MESSAGE

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Adam, the head of the human race, infected himself with a sin problem and a death problem. He also infected all who would be born into his race with the same two problems (Romans 5:12-14).

Adam is a type of Jesus (Romans 5:14). A type is like a picture. It is a likeness. First Corinthians 15:45 calls Jesus "The Last Adam." Jesus, then, is also the head of a race and things that happened to Him happened to all those who would enter His race.

Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected as "The Last Adam." He passed on, then, to those born into His race spiritual crucifixion, burial and resurrection (Romans 6:3-5). Romans 6:11-13 tells how believers can experience their spiritual crucifixion, burial and resurrection.

Romans 6:14 reveals that when one experiences his crucifixion, burial and resurrection, he places Himself under grace because he is no longer under law. As a believer continues to place himself under grace, he receives sanctification—a life of availability to God—and the abundant life Jesus promised in John 10:10 (Romans 6:15-21).

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Those believers who experience the abundant life know the sense of fulfillment that comes from experiencing Jesus as "The Last Adam."

A study of the life of Paul reveals that the theology of Jesus as "The Last Adam" was prominent among believers in New Testament days. Church history seems to reveal that it has not been a prominent theology in any generation of believers since then. It is not a prominent theology among believers today.

In our day, there seems to be a far greater emphasis on numbers than on the abundant life. An emphasis on numbers is out of harmony with the teachings of the New Testament. An emphasis on the abundant life is in harmony with the New Testament.

Our generation of believers and those that follow need a return to experiencing Jesus as "The Last Adam." Otherwise, only a small percentage of believers will have fully benefited from the provision of the abundant life that Jesus made possible.

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Scripture shows that God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit are at work to bring all believers to grace, sanctification and the abundant life.

First Thessalonians 4:3 states that our sanctification is the will of God. This makes the experience of our crucifixion, burial and resurrection leading to grace, sanctification and the abundant life the will of God.

Jesus, in John 17:17, prayed that His followers might be sanctified. The author of the Book of Hebrews declares that Jesus is praying for our salvation—in this case meaning our progressive salvation (Hebrews 7:25). He is praying that we will continually experience our crucifixion, burial and resurrection.

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The Holy Spirit is given such names as “The Spirit of truth,” “The Spirit of Adoption,” “The Spirit of God.” More than anything else, Scripture repeatedly calls Him “The Holy Spirit.” The name indicates His availability to the Father. The name also indicates His work in bringing believers to a life of holiness—which is a life of sanctification.

The law of the Spirit mentioned in Romans 8:2 teaches that the Holy Spirit continually works in the hearts of believers to bring us to the abundant life. He does so by teaching and prompting believers to experience Jesus as “The Last Adam.” The word law means that He never ceases teaching and prompting us to do the five things necessary to experience grace, sanctification and the abundant life (Romans 6:11-13).

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In First Corinthians 3:19, Paul wrote, “... we are God’s fellow workers.” God takes us along with Him as He works in the lives of others—the unsaved and saved. One aspect of our involvement in the work of

the Kingdom is the spreading of the message of the abundant life to all believers.

First John 5:14-15 tells believers that when we ask God to do something that is His will, He hears us and answers our prayers. The involvement of the Trinity in the advancement of this message proves a believer’s experience of Jesus as “The Last Adam” is God’s will.

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Praying for others to experience Jesus as “The Last Adam” is a powerful and effective way we can be involved in advancing this message.

At first, the thought of a single person praying alone for all believers on earth seems to be something far too big for one individual to do. It is not. When we pray something that God wills, we are not trying to convince God of anything. We are only asking Him to do what He wants to do.

Think of an army of individual believers scattered around the earth praying for God to bring every believer on earth to the experience of his spiritual crucifixion, burial and resurrection.

For the first time since New Testament days, there would be a rapid spread of the message. God would raise up servants to teach the message. Believers would receive the message and the abundant life it brings.

When this happens, we will experience the greatest revival since Pentecost. And, if believers would continue to live out their crucifixion, burial and resurrection, it would be a lasting revival.

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