

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.

## IN MEMORY OF KEN LANGSTER

By Ron Campbell, a "Lifer in Jesus"—Cummins Prison

**January 28, 2005 Brother Ken Langster went to be with the Lord. Ken was a member of the board of David Kuykendall Ministries from its beginning. Through the ministry of John Belken, he had come to understand the message of living by grace years before the beginning of the corporation.**

**At the time of his passing, Ken, a layman, was 82 years old. Yet he would drive 1000 miles every week to four or five Arkansas prison units to minister to the inmates. He also had other ministries you will read about in the article. Ron Campbell who wrote the article is one of many inmates who had a great love and respect for Ken.**

Ken Langster received Jesus as his Lord and Savior in his late forties. God delivered him from alcoholism. His salvation saved his marriage and family. Furthermore, it resulted in a lifetime of service to God and man until his home-going January 28, 2005.

Shortly after his conversion, Ken began a ministry of teaching and evangelism in the jails, prisons, nursing homes, and churches. In 1980 he began a video ministry in the Arkansas Department of Correction at the Cummins Unit. Gradually this ministry spread to other units.

Ken initiated the Bible study, *Our Oneness with Christ*, by David Kuykendall, at the Cummins Unit. This ministry also spread to other units. He taught this course weekly in each of the units. The course was designed to last for three months.

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Other discipleship courses were added so that each quarter he would have new students in his *Oneness with Christ* course. The additional courses allowed those who completed the basic course to continue in Bible study.

Ken also initiated regular Christian movie nights at various units. When he was allowed to do so, Brother Ken would visit new men and long-timers from various units and at the Diagnostic Unit in Pine Bluff. He would then share with us at the Cummins Unit what the Lord was doing with them. He would also show us video tapes of testimonies of death row inmates.

Ex-cons in Christ would call Ken and update him on what the Lord was doing in their lives and to encourage us, he would share what was happening in their lives. Giving hope through words "fitly spoken" in wisdom and compassion was his gift and he regularly shared it with so many.

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Also, Ken was a servant to those in the free world. With a close friend, Brother Roy Anderson, Ken would carry men to the "Friends of Alcoholics" ministry in Pocahontas, Mississippi.

Ken was a Gideon. Every year he would carry a group of Gideons to New York City to pass out Bibles and share the gospel. He took foreign mission trips to Mexico, Central America, and the Philippines to share the gospel of Christ.

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Ken Langster was a humble man and a great man. His life revealed to those who knew him the heart of God. Ken's life taught men and modeled for them the love and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Ken was an unselfish man. Various people have mentioned how he's done so much in this ministry from his own expense. He made many videos, but he was seldom seen on any of them. He seldom talked of himself in the classes he conducted for the men.

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The impact of Ken's life and ministry will live on. His love and obedience to the Lord will be remembered each time someone he has taught overcomes a life-controlling addiction through faith in Christ and the word of God.

Now, four days a week, there will be men at different units who will realize the "lack of his presence." But the genuineness of his life and the things he taught them will not be forgotten!

For many Ken Langster was a mentor and friend. He was that for me. As a student and a helper for the last eight or nine years, it has been my privilege to be a part of Ken's ministry. He had become like family to me.

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I will never forget that last evening with him

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here at Cummins. I was not scheduled to be with him that evening, but I had gone to give him a sympathy card from the men at the Mod Unit due to the recent death of his 100 year old mother. He called me to his side to pray during the prayer circle at the end. We all held hands. We thanked the Lord for Ken's ministry and example. We thanked the Lord for what God revealed that night in the class which would strengthen those who were there, their families, and their witness for Christ. He mentioned as he was getting ready to leave a little early that he had a three-hour drive ahead of him ..... and he was gone.

The next day he had his first heart attack, and five days later he went to be with his Lord.

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**Like Ken, Steve Moore of Little Rock, Arkansas has a ministry to inmates. He teaches them about their oneness with Christ. He asked for the privilege of telling how Ken ministered to him at the diagnostic center mentioned by Ron.**

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One day I, being only 38 years old and suffering from strokes, was sitting on a prison hospital bed wondering if anyone cared. Ken Langster walked in. I didn't know him, but knew who he was. He began talking to me about Christ. I had been baptized when I was seven, but I had never yielded my life to the Lord. One night, while still in the prison hospital, I yielded my heart to the Lord. I trusted Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

Ken stopped by my room every week and prayed for me and with me. He brought me reading material and even brought friends

by to share with me. He had planted a seed in me and God watered it. He was a true servant of God.

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### **NEW WEB SITE MINISTRY**

Through the efforts of Mike Holman and Dan Barry, we now have a new audio ministry through our Web Site.

You can now hear the teaching of the books "Here's Life," and "Our Oneness With Christ." You also can hear David Kuykendall tell how God revealed to him the message of living by grace and of his first days in experiencing the life of grace.

"Here's Life" is divided into nine lessons. "Our Oneness With Christ" is divided into the 19 chapters of the book.

The audio files can be used to become more familiar with the truths of living by grace. If you are teaching someone the message, the audio files can be helpful in teaching the message.

Mike Holman has pointed out that the addition of the audio ministry makes it possible for anyone to hear the teaching while doing work around the house.

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