

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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Obeys 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 CHRIST" TESTIMONY OF MIKE HOLMAN

**Mike Holman has a rich history of work in the Kingdom of God. He has served in both local and foreign mission work. He is now with Mission Aviation Fellowship where he works in the area of training technology. His group in MAF develops distance education courses for training Church leaders all over the world.**

From the time I was a small boy, everything interested me. Through reading books, I was able to learn of many things. By the age of 12, spiritual things began to interest me. After reading the Bible, I had many questions. Unfortunately, those at my church I went to for help just convinced me that there was almost no correlation between the Gospels and what I saw in even very religious people who claimed to be the only Christians who knew the truth.

In spite of my distrust of religion, I had no doubt in the existence of a Creator, Designer of all the wonderful things in the universe. Life and the laws of the universe being so perfectly in harmony convinced me that some ultra intelligent being had to be the source of the cosmos.

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After graduating from high school, I attended university and majored in Physics. My first assignment after graduation was to work with the Apollo space program at NASA. By the world's standards I had it all—including a new sports car, a great job and a good income.

In spite of this, my life had no purpose. There was an emptiness I could not explain. I began to read the many spiritual books that claimed to have the answers to life but found that none of them did. I prayed to the extraterrestrial super intelligent Creator and asked him to reveal Himself to me. Within

weeks I met people who told me of man's original state, the fall from that state and its effect on the entire human race including me. They showed me that the Creator God's solution was a redeemer who was God and man named Jesus. After taking some weeks to again study the Bible, I was convinced of this truth and the need for accepting both God's provision and also a life of relationship with Him.

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I still had many questions but this was enough for now. I believed and accepted God's provision for the death penalty for the sin in my life.

My life changed almost overnight. My old friends and habits no longer interested me. I only wanted to know more of God and his ways and to be around His people. After four months, I decided to quit my job at NASA and enroll in a Bible school some people told me about. At Bible school I met Ellen, the greatest gift God gave me after his Son. We were married and have been blessed with four wonderful children. After finishing the Bible school together, we had a great life working with a large church organization.

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Again I was immersed in a religious group of people who said they had the only truth. They also were

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very legalistic and judgmental and worked with a fury to be righteous and please God by their works. Finally after a few years, we left a bit disillusioned but without any doubt of our belief in God, His Son and His Word. We reestablished our lives back in my home state and found a good Church, but I still wondered why I had such a gap between the way I was and the way Jesus was. Trying harder just seemed to make it worse. I knew I was saved and God loved me but why was I still struggling with sin in so many areas in my life?

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I asked many Bible teachers and they recommended some really great authors. They accurately described our inability to be like Jesus in our own strength and the way God designed us to be. In some ways they only frustrated me more because they never clearly revealed the key to crossing the bridge from flesh to Spirit-led life.

Nearly two years ago, I read "Here's Life" and "Our Oneness With Christ" by David Kuykendall. The truth God revealed to him in Romans 6 contained the answer to my dilemma. When we were born again, we were crucified with Christ, buried with him and resurrected to a new Life.

We are like one who has come back from among the dead, revived to life and no longer in prison and slaves to sin. From the

instant of our new birth, we have ALL things in Christ.

For a short time it seemed as if I was in a state of exhilaration and totally free of the old man. After a few days I learned that even though I already had all things in Christ I could still follow and be available to the flesh or I could choose to follow and be available to the Spirit.

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The key to the choice is not dedication or rededication. It's not our will and depending on our own strength that makes the difference in our walk. Instead it is a total realization of our inability and a dependant faith that in Him we are able. Only a total trust in him and a total distrust of anything we could ever do on our own that leads to His purpose for us.

I know now that the key to living the Christian life is reckoning ourselves to be dead to sin (Rom 6:11), choosing minute by minute to be unavailable to the flesh God freed us from and choosing to be available to God and His purpose for us. (Rom 6:11-13). I thank God for all that I inherited the instant I moved from the race of Adam to the race of Christ. Our life is truly hidden in Him now and forever.

It is now a great joy to me to share with others the true message of victory in Christ.

## ***successful conference***

Two weeks ago, we asked you to pray for a conference on the theme of living by grace. We thank you for your prayers. We feel that God blessed us with a very good conference as we shared the New Testament concept of living out of God's grace and not our own strength.

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## ***NEW PRINTING OF "ONENESS"***

We have just received a new printing of "Our Oneness With Christ." For years we have provided copies of "Our Oneness With Christ Workbook" in addition to copies of "Oneness" without the workbook sections for review.

This new printing of "Oneness" contains the review sections we have always had in the workbook. Now each person who receives a copy of "Oneness" will have the review sections of the workbook.

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