

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.

What About the Carnality?

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The apostle Paul wrote to the church at Corinth:

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. First Corinthians 3:1

Paul stated what the evidences of carnality in the church at Corinth were. He wrote:

... for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? First Corinthians 3:3

This list of evidences of carnality is only a very short one. To the grief of many, carnality of many types abounds in our evangelical churches.

The Greek word for "carnal" comes from the same root word that "flesh"—a term used in the New Testament to describe our sin nature—comes from. Paul called the Corinthian believers carnal because they were living out of their flesh.

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One lives out of his flesh when he is serving God out of his own wisdom, strengths and abilities. That is carnal living. The New Testament teaches that we should live by grace. That is, the Christian life is God living in and through us. Living by grace is also described in Scripture as "walking in the Spirit." It is not our doing our best for Jesus.

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One reason for the carnality in a church is that some of our church members have never been born again. In some cases, unsaved people become members of our churches when both they and the church believe they are God's children.

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Carnality caused by the presence of unsaved people in our churches, though, is not the full answer to the problem. Carnality also comes from born again members. An uninformed member might say, "But how can this happen when members are truly born again?"

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We must teach them about their sin nature—about their flesh. We must teach them that our flesh has a passion to produce because impressive production gets the attention of other people. Someone has said that man's greatest desire is to have the attention of others.

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Christian schools have a major role in preparing future Christian leaders for their ministries. Yet, some of these schools have no strong emphasis on walking in the Spirit. This is true even of schools that major on developing a spirit of evangelism in their students. Schools that teach future servants of God how to do the work of God with no emphasis on walking in the Spirit are not helping with the problem of carnality in our churches. They actually add to the problem.

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It is admirable for churches to meet together to promote some feature of the work of God. However, when their meeting consists of teaching others what they are to do for God, they are adding to the problem of carnality in our churches. A strong emphasis on walking in the Spirit at such gatherings of churches would do much to cure the problem of carnality.

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A believer who does not walk in the Spirit, walks in the flesh. He serves God out of his own wisdom, strength and ability. The more dedicated to God he is, the more he adds to the problem of carnality in the church.

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Churches filled with carnality can do better. The New Testament tells us how. It teaches that when we were saved, the Holy Spirit baptized us into oneness with Jesus in crucifixion, burial and resurrection (Romans 6:3-5).

Then in Romans 6:11-13 the Scriptures tell us how we can experience our oneness with Christ. When we experience our oneness with Christ, we are filled with the Spirit.

When a church is filled with the Spirit, carnality and all the problems it creates are on their way out.

SIGNS OF REVIVAL

In recent weeks we have received four messages indicating a moving of God's Spirit where the message of grace has been taught.

A message from a penal institution told of families seeking a renewed relationship with inmates who have studied "Our Oneness With Christ."

From a penal institution in Washington the message came that "Since the workbook of 'Our Oneness With Christ' has been studied here, there seems to be changes in lives taking place."

A message from an individual in the Philippines came saying that our books had been such a blessing, he had sent them to a missionary in Malaysia. He added that she had taught the message in a church and there with such a good response they are going to include the message of grace in their College courses.

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