

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 Brad Brieger

Brad Brieger lives in Red Oak, Texas just south of Dallas. He is a respiratory therapist at Methodist Hospital in Dallas. Brad and his wife are active in the work of the Lord. He is a Sunday School teacher at Hampton Road Baptist church in DeSoto, Texas.

In a revival service in my home church, I heard, understood and believed the gospel of Jesus Christ. I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior. The year was 1985. I was 15 years old.

After my conversion, I knew I was different on the inside. I knew that Jesus had paid the price for my sins and God had forgiven me of my sins and somehow I was now His. But I had no further understanding about what had actually happened to me.

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My life through high school and college was a roller coaster. I was doing all I could to please God. I worked hard to be all I thought He wanted me to be. Then I would find myself tired of working so hard and feeling like I was swimming up stream with no real sense of victory in my life.

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This went on for several years, up and down, up and down. I would rededicate my life and recommit myself to do better and try harder. But that only left me feeling and looking more and more like a failure.

I began to wonder if this was really what the Christian life was supposed to be like while we are here on earth. I would ask myself, "Where is this victory I am always hearing about?"

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While tired of trying to be and do for God, I met and became friends with a gentleman during a mission trip to Honduras. I shared my story with him. He said, "I have a book titled 'Our Oneness With Christ' that you must read." He added, "You are ready for what is in that book."

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I read the book. Even though I did not fully understand all of it, the Lord gave the change I had desired for years through truth I discovered from Romans 6. I learned that I have a sin nature. It is a "know-it-all-attitude." I learned that when I received Jesus as Lord and Savior, I was spiritually crucified, buried and resurrected. I learned the five commands for experiencing my crucifixion, burial, and resurrection.

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I will never forget and have frequently quoted the statement in Mr. Kuykendall's book, "There are things true of us in the Christian life that we will not experience until we believe they are true of us and choose to experience them." That was it. I believed. I chose. Freedom came.

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I still live in amazement that I had been a Christian for so many years without knowing that I was already spiritually crucified, buried and resurrected. I had read these truths in Romans chapter six but never saw it until I read "Our Oneness With Christ."

Today I understand the Christian life is not about me doing and being for God, but it's about believing and choosing, so that the Holy Spirit can do and be through me all that God desires of me.

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LIVING BY GRACE

The testimony of Brad Brieger is parallel to that of the Apostle Paul and many others who experience the life of grace.

If you should be a person doing your best for Jesus while knowing that it is not working, consider Brad's testimony. Study Romans 6:3-13. You might want to order a free copy of "Our Oneness With Christ" from this ministry.

Recently this ministry received a phone call from a lady who opened the conversation with, "I am 95 years old, I have read 'Our Oneness With Christ' and have been set free."

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Unfortunately, the New Testament message of living by God's grace is not well-known but it is still as powerful in the lives of those who receive it as it was in New Testament times. Many who receive the message and live it say, "Why have I not heard of this before?"

Recently, in a Bible study on the theme of living by grace, the leader asked, "Why is this life-changing message not popular?" Several answers to the question were given. One answer was, "It is fear of losing control." There has to be something to that answer.

It is true that living by grace is living out of God's wisdom and strength. But consider the reasoning that would cause someone to reject the message of living by grace. The reasoning is, "I have a better idea of what I should do with my life than God does."

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You may be living the life of grace while grieving for others who do not. You also may be asking, "What can I do." Do not be influenced by others or by circumstances to turn from grace. You can pray for those who reject the message. You can permit God to lead you in sharing the message.

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