



“Called to Live the Life of Jesus”

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Texts: Romans 8:29-30, II Corinthians 4:7-11, I John 3:1-10, I John 4:16-17, I John 4:17, John 14:12

Out of all the great things we can do or accomplish in life, the greatest is that we live a life that exemplifies, duplicates, and produces the Life of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, God’s divine purpose for us, and His greatest desire is that we yield and submit ourselves to His will and His word enough to allow the very divine life of His son Jesus to be demonstrated in our daily lives.

Many of us fail to realize how powerful His divine nature is that we have become partakers of. We also fail to realize that in our salvation and born again experience, we have been transformed into the very incorruptible seed and essence of God and His word. We must realize that our born again experience is a divine operation that empowers and enables us to Live the Supernatural Life Jesus lived. No wonder Jesus declared that we who believe on Him can do the works He did, and greater in John 14:12. See also I Peter 1:23.

Notice carefully how these next verses show that we have become partakers and recipients of the very incorruptible nature that God is when we are baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ and receive the Holy Ghost as stated in Acts 2:38, Acts 8:12-17, Acts 10:44-48, and Acts 19:1-7.

II Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

God is divine and His very nature and being are divine also. As born again, spirit-filled sons, we partake of His same divine nature and spirit. So actually we are God-spirit beings living in a physical human body. So our very being is not limited in capacity to our natural human body or frame. God’s supernatural nature and power resides in

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our inside or in our inner being. Again, no wonder Jesus said, we that believe on Him can do the works He did, and greater in John 14:12.

With Jesus’ divine God-nature inside us, we can certainly live a Godly holy life even in this sinful, corrupt world, because we’re **Called to Live the Life of Jesus**. Also worth remembering is that God’s very power that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think works inside of us according to Ephesians 3:20. See also Rom. 12:1-2, I Pet. 1:15-16

I Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Our new created being consists of the everlasting and ever-abiding essence of God’s word which according to John 1:1, is God Himself. See also II Corinth. 5:17-21

According to Ephesians 1:4-5, God chose

and ordained us to be like Jesus before the foundation of the world. Also, Romans 8:29 clearly declares He called us and predestinated us to become just like His son Jesus. So **We’re Called to Live the Life of Jesus**.

Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30: Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

As born-again and redeemed sons of God, we must realize we’re pre-conceived or pre-ordained by God to be transformed into the very life of Jesus as we continually hear, receive, believe, and live the word of God. So we are justified, glorified, and have right standing with God through our born-again experience with our divine example, Jesus

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Christ. As a result, we also share heirship privileges with Jesus to everything God owns, as long as we demonstrate our sincere love for God by obeying His word as Jesus said in John 14:21-23. Keeping His Word proves you love Him.

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

32: He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

We have all things because we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

It is extremely important that we know our

being **Called to Live the Life of Jesus** is not just for our benefit alone. But in order for God to deliver the remaining lost creation, He must demonstrate Jesus’ life through those who came out of creation (US) who were lost, but are now delivered. We, by **Living the Life of Jesus**, give hope and encouragement to our lost brothers and sisters in creation who are groaning in pain to be delivered from the bondage of corruption and the sinful world of satan.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19: For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Please note that the sons are those who produce the **Life of Jesus** in their mortal flesh, body, and everyday life as II Corinthians 4:10-11 declare.

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20: For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

21: Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22: For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

The divine Godly Life of Jesus that we demonstrate will release the power to deliver lost creation that is waiting for a clear example to follow To Live the Life of Jesus Themselves.

When we truly realize we’re Called to Live the Life of Jesus, we also realize the supernatural power that life empowers us with to live victorious and have power over the devil, sin, poverty, failure, and all that would be defeat. In fact, the Life of Jesus gives us the very supernatural strength and

power of God to the fullest capacity.

Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

19: And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge; that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

Colossians 1:11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

In these verses, notice carefully how clearly they declare that as redeemed, blood washed, sons of God, we are to demonstrate and manifest the very divine life of Jesus as we live our daily lives and are kept even in the midst of trouble, perplexity, persecution, and being cast down in life.

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II Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

His power is excellent and dwells in us.

8: We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9: Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

The supernatural divine Holy Ghost life of Jesus dwelling inside our inner spirit man sustains us in the midst of multiple difficulties, adversities, and disappointments.

10: Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

His very life is to be manifest and revealed in our body and daily life.

11: For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life

also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

As we come to the closing of this powerful teaching, we must look at how the Apostle John gives clear insight into us being empowered with the Life of Jesus to be identical to Him in purity and holiness.

I John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. And live as He lived.

We know Jesus walked in holiness and goodness, and the Apostle Peter tells us that Jesus says for us to be Holy, even as He is holy.

I Peter 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16: Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

I John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we

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should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

2: Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Notice in the next verse how we can clearly see that we have been empowered to get rid of all impurity in our life and be as pure as Jesus is.

3: And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

Please note that the word purifieth comes from the Greek word “*hagnizo*” and means: to set apart, and consecrate oneself and devote oneself to God exclusively, to rid oneself of the world’s defilements, to sanctify oneself. The power of the Life of Jesus enables us to scrutinize our own heart and mind and purify ourselves of any sin,

defilement, or any traits that are “un-Christlike”. See also II Corinthians 7:1.

7: Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

8: He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

We should destroy the works of the devil too.

9: Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

I John 4:17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

Notice how this next verse declares we are

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able through the Holy Spirit and Life of Jesus to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness and defilement in our total being.

II Corinthians 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

When you are **Called to Live the Life of Jesus** and you are a leader in church, ministry, education, outreach etc...people should experience Jesus, His character traits, and mannerisms when dealing with you. They should always experience the Fruit of the Spirit.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith.

23: Meekness, temperance, against such there is no law.

In order to evaluate what people experience when they engage and interact with you as you so-called represent the Visionaries and the Vision of the Ministry, you must clearly understand the fruit you supposed to possess and disperse or project in dealing with people God places in your midst.

1. Love- In order to know whether or not people experience God’s love when dealing with you please carefully study I Corinth. 13:4-7 and with total sincerity and honesty examine yourself and your actions and reactions with people who come to you for ministry help and service. If you’re not sure ask people what they experience when dealing with you. Ask them do they experience what these verses say.
2. Joy-Nehemiah 8:10 says the Joy of the Lord is strength. Do people experience God’s Joy and strength

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when they interact with you to promote the Vision, its ministries, and programs? The only way you will really know is ask. Are you courageous and sincerely concerned enough to ask? If not you could be a bottleneck and holding the Vision and ministry back.

3. Peace-Is God’s peace present when people interact with you?
4. Longsuffering- Are you patient with and do you put up with those who are trying to serve with you in ministry to bring the vision to past? Are you non responsive to them? Do you honestly try to get their heartbeat or just deal with them insensitively, abruptly, with little to no respect and care? Again are you courageous and concerned enough to ask them?
5. Gentleness-You may have no idea of how much roughness and harshness people experience when they engage

with you in ministry service. If you are truly gentle people will enjoy and look forward to dealing with you. They will also stay around your area of ministry gladly and willingly.

6. Goodness-The Bible teaches us to do good every chance we get, and to especially do so to our fellow laborers in ministry.

Galatians 6:10 As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

7. Faith-Living the Life of Jesus has to include handling and dealing with fellow laborers by Faith, God expects us to believe in our fellow laborers and not think the worse always.
8. Meekness- The root word for meekness is meek, and meek comes from the original Greek word praus,

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which means a calm, soothing, gentle disposition. Is this what people experience when they work with you in ministry? If not you're not living and producing the Life of Jesus.

9. Temperance- The word simply means self-control and maintaining composure at all times. When you're **Called to Live the Life of Jesus**, and do so people always experience you maintaining a Godly composition when they labor with you in ministry.

I Corinth. 9:25 And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible
26: I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:
27: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection lest that by any means, when I have preached to others , I myself should be a castaway.

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