

Living a New Life in an Old World

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4. Because of an infinite love for us, God has entered into history in a human life, and has brought an eternal reconciliation with Himself to save us from that condemnation. We experience this salvation through relationship with this person, who is Jesus Christ.

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***“For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.”***

- Jesus Christ

First order questions –

1. Do I believe this is true?
2. Have I entrusted my life to the One God sent - Jesus Christ?

Second order questions –

1. What does it mean to live as one reconciled to God in every aspect of life?
2. What can I do to help other people know about this?

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

(Rom 8:16-17)

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

(2 Cor 5:10)

Our Three Enemies in the Good Fight of Faith

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- You must be willing to bear the reproach of Christ.
- You must not love the world. That is harder now than ever before.

*Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.
1 John 5:21*

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- anger, greed, sloth, pride, lust, envy, gluttony.

*but I discipline my body and make it my slave,
so that, after I have preached to others,
I myself will not be disqualified.*

1 Cor 9:27

- accept training in the right things
- ruthlessly stamp out patterns in the wrong things

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Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

1 Peter 5:8-9

This coming year...

- Father, help me see who I am as your new child,
- Risen and ruling Messiah Jesus, help me to experience what it means to walk with you,
- Indwelling Spirit, fill me with all that you are, that I may know love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control - to your pleasure and glory.
- Amen.

