

“Christianity is...”

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Gal. 2:20

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# PERSONAL

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## **A PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE**

- **Hebrews 8:11**

***<sup>11</sup> None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.***

# **A PERSONAL CONVICTION**

- **1 Peter 3:15**

**<sup>15</sup> But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;**

## **A PERSONAL CONVERSION**

- **Acts 2:41**

**41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.**

# **A PERSONAL WORK**

**Ephesians 2:10**

**<sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus for good  
works, which God prepared  
beforehand that we should walk in  
them.**

# **A PERSONAL BATTLE**

- **Ephesians 6:11-13**
- <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.
- <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

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# **A CRUCIFIXION OF THE OLD MAN**

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## Old man is crucified in baptism (Rom. 6:3-7)

- <sup>3</sup> Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, ***even so we also should walk in newness of life.***
- <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection,
- <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.
- <sup>7</sup> For he who has died has been freed from sin.

# Old attitudes can come back to life

- **Toward money**

- 1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NKJV)

- Now godliness with contentment is great gain.
    - For we brought nothing into *this* world, *and it is* certain we can carry nothing out.
    - And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.
    - But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition.
    - For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

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- **Toward illicit pleasure**

- Ecclesiastes 2:1-3 (NKJV)

- I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure"; but surely, this also was vanity.
- I said of laughter--"Madness!"; and of mirth, "What does it accomplish?"
- I searched in my heart *how* to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives.

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- **Toward others**

- **Ephesians 4:31-32 (NKJV)**

31 Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.

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## A new life that is real

- “Until we accept Jesus...and enthrone Him as our King we cannot be said to live at all. The man who lives a Christless life exists, but he does not know what life is. Jesus is the one person who can make life worth living, and in whose company death is only a prelude to still a fuller life” (Barclay)

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## A new life that is changed

- Romans 12:2 (NKJV)

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

# There is a new life

## A new life that is taken over by Christ

- By His teaching and example “Christ lives in me”
  - John 6:58 (NKJV)

This is the bread which came down from heaven--not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

## **Can we say it?**

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