

The “5 Truths” of the Gospel

Truth #1: Already Forgiven – all of your sins were forgiven on the Cross of Christ, except the sin of unbelief. Mark 3:28; Romans 5:10a; John 16:8-9

Truth #2: Made Clean – when you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God takes out your old sinful spirit (heart) and gives you a brand, new clean heart. Romans 6:6; Romans 6:17-18; John 3:3,7

Truth #3: Made Righteous – as a Christian, you are now righteous in your spirit because Jesus, in the form of the Holy Spirit, lives in you. 2 Peter 1:4

Truth #4: In Union – you are “in Christ” because Jesus joins as one with you in your spirit. John 14:20; 1 Corinthians 6:17; Colossians 1:27

Truth #5: By Faith – you are righteous on the inside but your body is still dead to sin. Follow by faith the inner life of Christ so that you can live a righteous life. Romans 8:10; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:3b

The “5 Keys” to Understanding the New Testament

Key #1: Teaching of the Holy Spirit - only the Holy Spirit can make the Bible come alive since your human mind is incapable of understanding God’s spiritual truths. 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Key #2: Proper Context - the New Testament must be understood in its proper Jewish context. Otherwise, the message gets misinterpreted and is dramatically changed. Romans 9:4; John 4:22b

Key #3: Spiritual Beings - all people have an inner spirit and an outer mortal body. Christians have a “born again” spirit that is righteous, but they still live in their not-yet-redeemed mortal bodies. 2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:1-6; Ephesians 4:24

Key #4: Jesus Emptied Himself - Jesus lived by the power of the Holy Spirit that He received at His baptism. Jesus lived by faith and not by His own power. Therefore, He is your model for a life of faith. John 14:10b; Matthew 12:28; Matthew 12:18

Key #5: Hebrew Law - God gave the Law only to the Jews; the Gentiles have never been under the Law. Romans 2:14; Hebrews 7:18, 28; Hebrews 8:13

1 Corinthians 3:16-17b Do you not know that **you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?** [17] ... for **the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.**



2 Corinthians 4:11b ... that **the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.**



1 John 4:13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, **because He has given us of His Spirit.**



Ephesians 3:17a so that **Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;**

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Who Lives in Me?

In one passage of Scripture, Romans 8:9-11, the “Spirit of God,” the “Spirit of Christ,” “Christ ... in you,” the “Spirit of Him” and “His Spirit” are all used to describe the indwelling life of God in a Christian. So just who is it that lives in you?



1 John 4:15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, **God abides in him, and he in God.**



John 14:23b ... and My Father will love him, and **We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.**



2 Timothy 1:14b ... through **the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, ...**



Colossians 1:27b ... which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory.**

Who Indwells You?

As a Christian, who lives in you? The Bible says that when you trusted Christ as Savior you were given the Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:5b ... because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through **the Holy Spirit who was given to us.**

But the Bible also says that Jesus Christ lives in you. Are these verses saying the same thing?

Galatians 2:20a ... it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me;** ...

In popular teaching today, the “persons” of God are stressed. In Scripture, only the “unity” of God is taught. Three short verses in Romans show how Scripture uses “God,” “Jesus Christ” and the “Holy Spirit” interchangeably.

Romans 8:9-11 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the **Spirit of God** dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him. [10] And if **Christ is in you**, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. [11] But if the **Spirit of Him** who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit** who indwells you.

Jesus Lived by Faith

The greater importance is not which “person” of God lives in you but the fact that you are indwelled by the living God Himself, and that *He* is your power to live the Christian life. Even though Jesus had a sinless, perfect body, He lived by faith from the power of the Holy Spirit that He received at His baptism, not from His own human talents.

John 14:10b The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but **the Father abiding in Me does His works.**

Acts 2:22b ... Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with **miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him** in your midst, ...

It was your inner spirit that was redeemed when you were saved; your outer mortal body was not changed. Therefore, you have no capacity to live a righteous life by your own human effort. Paul expresses it this way:

2 Corinthians 4:7a But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, ...

You have the living Christ living in you and it His life that is your life; it is His power that is your power to live the life that God designed for you.

2 Corinthians 4:7b ... that **the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves;**

You Live by Faith

In your human, mortal self, you are still “dead because of sin” (Romans 8:10); you are powerless to live a righteous life. But you have God living in you and that is all you will ever need. In fact, you will never receive more of God’s power or more of His blessings than you now already possess.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,**

This is what the Apostle Paul says ...

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;** and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.

Union with God is the *central dynamic* of your Christian life. The very God of the universe - your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - lives in you. He is your life and He lives His life through you. You follow in faith.

2 Corinthians 12:9 And He has said to me, **"My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."** Most gladly, therefore, **I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.**