

What is the meaning of being in Christ?

Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; 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 gave Himself for me."

Why?

Galatians 3:26-27, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

What's more?

Ephesians 2:10, "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."

As such:


Romans 6:3-4, "Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 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."

Therefore:

Ephesians 4:22-24, "Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

In light of this, how steadfast am I to abide in Christ?

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***"If anyone is in Christ, he
is a new creation; old things
have passed away; behold,
all things have become new."***

2 Corinthians 5:17

AM I COMMITTED TO FOLLOW CHRIST?

Where do we start with becoming a true disciple of Christ?

Philippians 2:5-8, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross."

In essence, we must seek to live as Christ taught us, and so become His true disciple.

As such:

Romans 8:9, "You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His."

Why?

Romans 8:5-6, "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace."

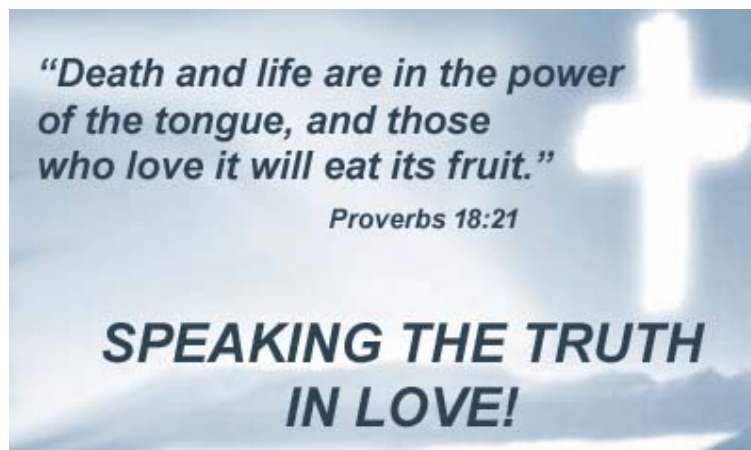
Therefore:

Colossians 3:1, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God."

Colossians 3:10, "Put on the new *man* who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him."

Do I live as a committed disciple of Christ?

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As disciples of Christ, how must we speak the truth in love?

Ephesians 4:14-15, "We should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men," "but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ."

Ephesians 4:29, "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers."

2 Corinthians 10:5, "Bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

Why?

Ephesians 1:4, "Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love."

What's more?

Matthew 12:36-37, "I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Therefore:

1 Peter 3:15, "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."

2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

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***“Whoever is patient
has great understanding,
but one who is quick-tempered
displays folly.” Proverbs 14:29***

CONTROLLING OUR EMOTIONS!

What does the bible teach us about controlling our emotions?

James 1:19-20, “Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”

Ephesians 4:31-32, “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

Why?

Luke 6:45, “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.”

What’s more?

Galatians 6:1-2, “If a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”

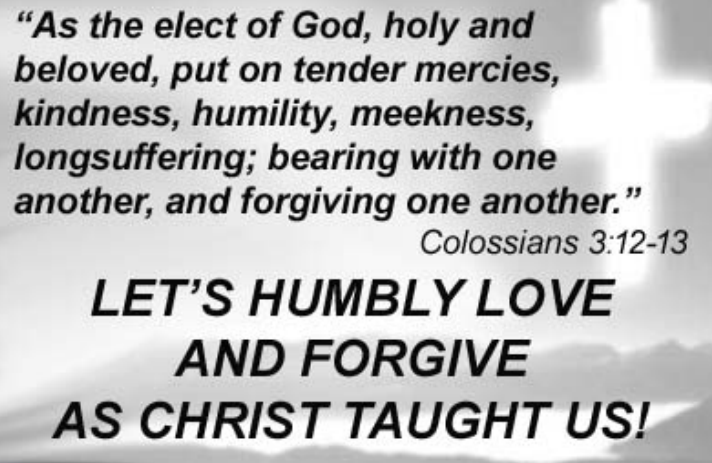
Therefore:

Ephesians 5:15-16, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

Galatians 5:16, “Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

Ephesians 4:25, “Putting away lying, “*Let each one of you* speak truth with his neighbor,” for we are members of one another.”

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As disciples of Christ, what is the path of humility and love to follow? John 13:34-35, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Ephesians 4:1-3, “Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Ephesians 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

Why?

Micah 6:8, “He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?”


Therefore:

Romans 12:16, “Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.”

Philippians 2:3-4, “*Let* nothing *be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”

Wishing you A Blessed and Spiritually Prosperous New Year!

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***“Let your light so shine
before men, that they may see
your good works and
glorify your Father in heaven.”***

Matthew 5:16

LET’S BEAR FRUIT FOR CHRIST

How did Jesus clearly enjoin us to bear fruit to the glory of God?

John 15:1-2, “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

John 15:5, “He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

As such:

John 15:4, “As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.”

Matthew 16:26, “For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

What’s more?

John 15:16, “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.”

John 15:8, “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

Therefore:

John 15:9-10, “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love.”

Does my life testify to abiding Christ and producing fruit to the glory of God?

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