

How clearly and extensively did Jesus expand on the necessity to abide in Him, in other words to live in Christ?

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 14:6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 11:25-26: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

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."

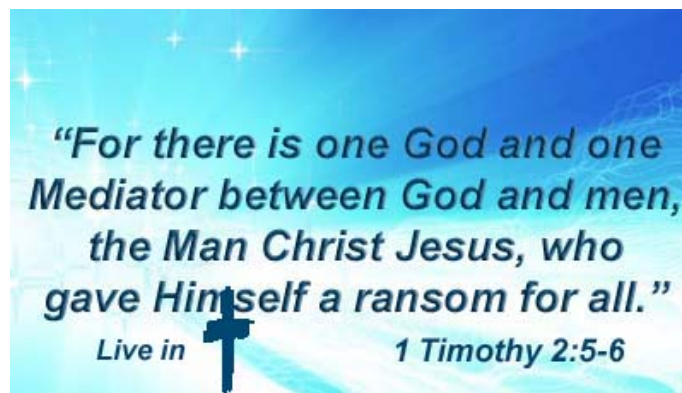
John 15:10: "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love."

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."

John 8:31: "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed."

Are the words of Christ clear enough so I understand that I must abide in Him, in other words live in Him to inherit eternal life?

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Why must we as believers, live in Christ?

Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

1 John 5:12: "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

1 Corinthians 15:22: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."

What's more?

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."

The purpose being:

1 John 2:28-29: "Abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming. If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness is born of Him."

As such Jesus added:

John 10:27-28: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

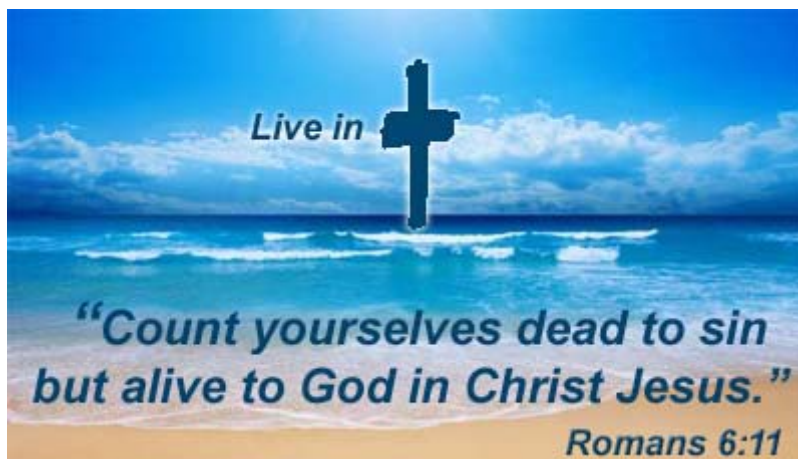
Therefore:

1 Corinthians 6:17: "He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."

John 12:25: "He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life."

Do I understand how predominant and consequential it is, that I live to abide in Christ?

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What is the path to follow so day by day I live to abide in Christ?

Colossians 2:6-7: "As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Ephesians 5:15-16: "Be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days."

As a result:

John 1:12-13: "To all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."

Romans 8:1-2: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

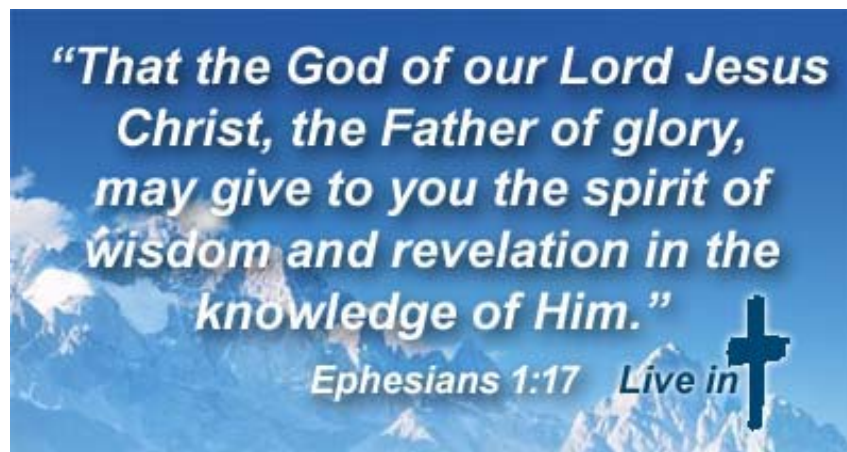
What's more?

1 John 2:24-25: "You must remain faithful to what you have been taught from the beginning. If you do, you will remain in fellowship with the Son and with the Father. And in this fellowship we enjoy the eternal life He promised us."

Therefore:

2 Corinthians 13:5: "Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified."

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What is the purpose of living in Christ?

As Jesus clearly stated in John 6:35: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

Ephesians 3:17: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."

Why?

Romans 8:11: "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

1 John 2:24-25: "If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life."

What's more?

Colossians 2:9-10: "In Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power."

2 Corinthians 4:6: "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ."

Therefore:

2 Corinthians 5:17: "If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Ephesians 4:15: "Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ."

Does my life testify to this?

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In abiding in Christ, it goes without saying that we must live like Him. How did Jesus clearly state this fact to us?

John 8:12: “Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

Matthew 19:17: “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

As such:

Matthew 5:14: “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.”

John 13:13-17: “You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”

As a result:

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

Therefore:

Matthew 11:29: “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

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***“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.”***

***Galatians 2:20***

***Live like*** 

Why, as true believers, must we live like Christ if we are to abide in Him?

1 Peter 1:15-16: “As He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

John 5:23: “That all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.”

As such:

Romans 8:5: “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.”

1 John 2:16-17: “For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

What’s more?

James 4:17: “To him who knows to do good and does not do *it*, to him it is sin.”

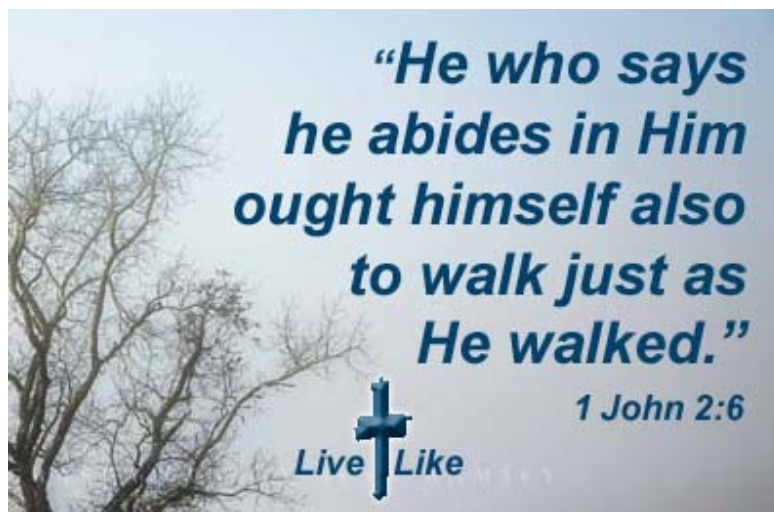
Therefore:

Hebrews 6:1: “Leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God.”

Proverbs 27:19: “As in water face *reflects* face, so a man’s heart *reveals* the man.”

Do my heart and my life testify to living like Christ?

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How must we direct our hearts and so we truly live like Christ?

1 John 2:3-5: "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him."

Colossians 3:1-3: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God."

Romans 12:2: "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."

What's more?

1 John 2:15: "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

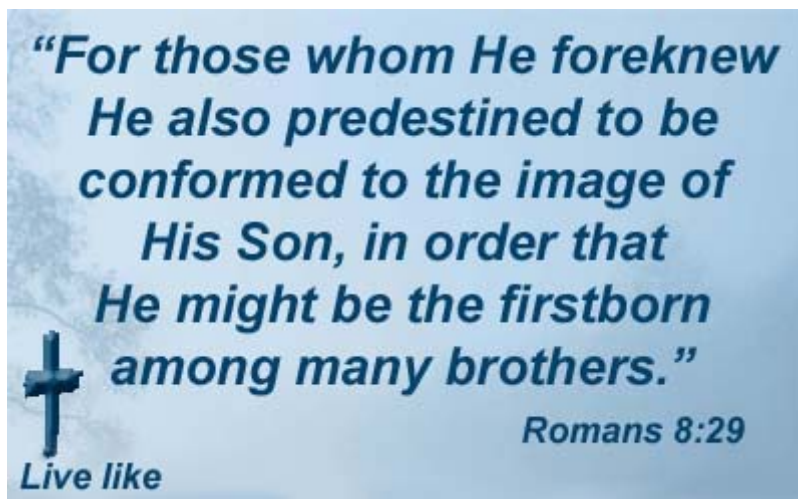
Therefore:

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

As such:

James 1:22: "Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

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What is the purpose to live like Christ, as the Word of God instructs us? Romans 6:6-7: “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. For he who has died has been freed from sin.”

Why?

1 Corinthians 6:19: “Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”

As such Jesus said:

John 8:12: “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

The reason the apostle Paul enjoined us to:

Philippians 4:8: “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

In so doing:

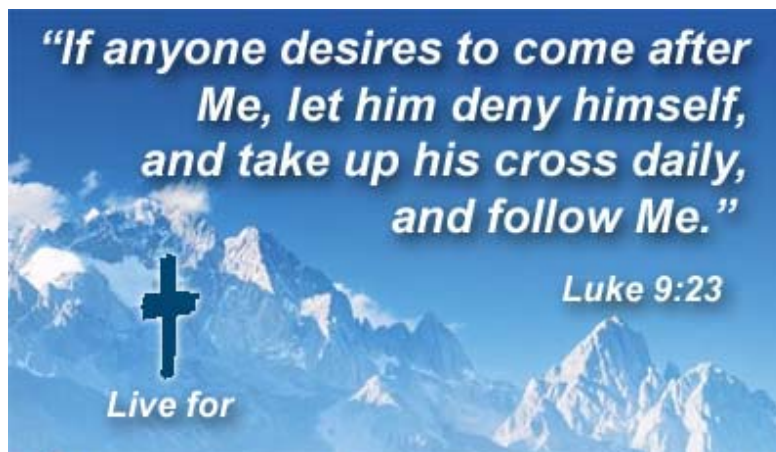
Romans 8:16-17: “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.”

Therefore:

1 Corinthians 6:20: Glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”

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In addition to live to abide in Christ, and therefore live like Christ, how does Christ enjoin us to live for Him?

John 6:57: "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me."

John 8:31-32: "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 6:35: "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."

As such:

John 15:16: "You didn't choose Me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit."

John 8:31: "You are truly My disciples if you remain faithful to My teachings."

John 15:10: "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."

Then Jesus added:

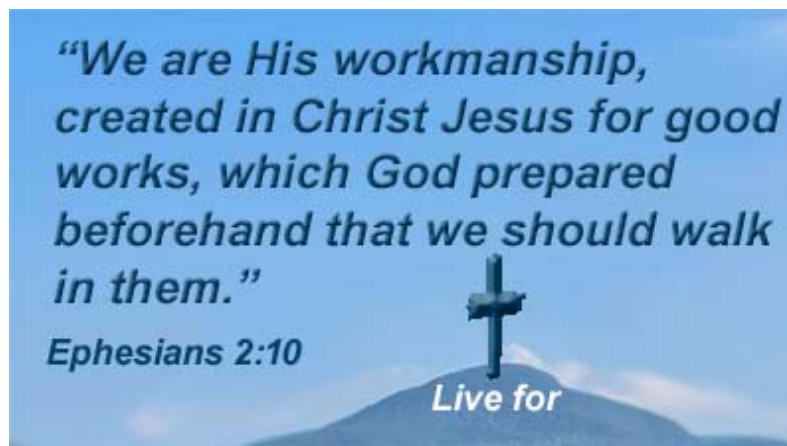
John 6:27: "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

Therefore:

John 3:21: "He who practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in God."

Luke 11:28: "Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!"

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Why are we enjoined to "LIVE FOR 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."

What's more?

Romans 1:16: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes."

Matthew 4:4: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Let's ask ourselves:

Galatians 1:10: "Am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ."

As such:

Matthew 6:24: "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other."

Luke 14:27: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."

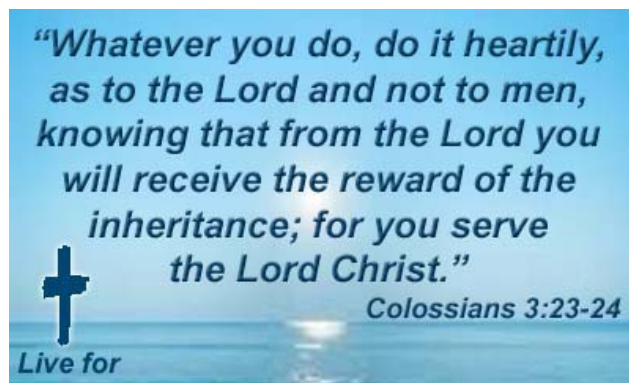
Therefore:

Philippians 1:21: "For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain."

Luke 11:28: "More than that, blessed *are* those who hear the Word of God and keep it!"

Enough reasons to understand that I must LIVE FOR CHRIST, each and every day of my life?

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What attitude of the heart must we have, if we are to live FOR CHRIST?

1 Timothy 6:12: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called."

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."

What's more?

Hebrews 13:5: "*Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."*

1 Peter 2:21: "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps."

As such Jesus said:

John 8:12: "He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Luke 9:24: "Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."

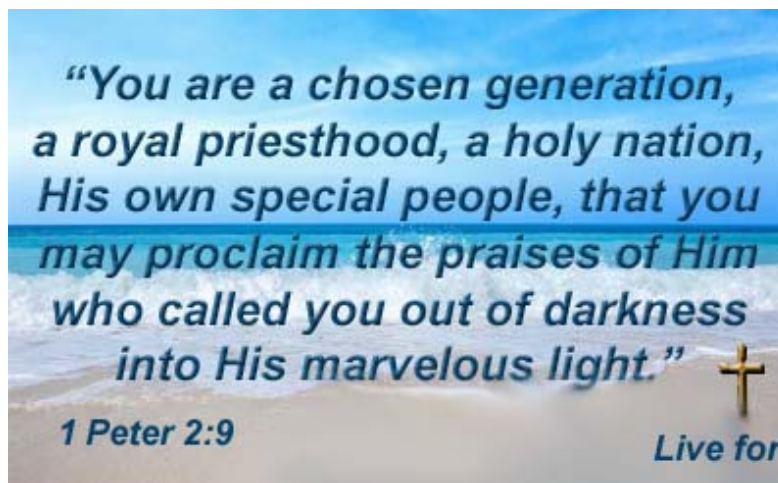
John 10:27: "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

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

Our only true guide being:

Hebrews 4:12: "The Word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

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What is the core purpose for living FOR CHRIST?

2 Corinthians 5:15: "He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again."

Romans 6:4: "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."

Romans 14:8: "If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

1 John 3:2: "Now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

As such Jesus said:

John 6:57: "As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me."

And the mission Christ gave us is:

Luke 24:47: "That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations."

Therefore"

Matthew 6:20: "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

Do I understand the importance of abiding in Christ, meaning I must live like Him, in essence follow Him from the heart?

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