

6. Christ Your Only Life

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6.1 It Is Finished

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put it to His mouth. So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit (John 19:28-30).

All things are now accomplished. – It is finished. At no point would we ever limit these words or box them in by any human understanding. In regard to every question of our reality, we take these words as absolute and all-embracing. We do that, because these words contain no limit inside of God. They are infinite in their totality.

God’s Pro-Knowing. You must now consider the ruling verse of the Bible in order to understand how “**It is finished**” fits inside of God in His Being and then, how it works in your own life.

These who are summoned out from God’s Pro-knowing, knowing God’s knowing of them, God Pro-Determined them, with all the passion of His Being, to be symmorphosed with, merged together with, sharing one form with the image of His Son, the revelation of Father, into the reality of Christ Jesus being the firstborn among and in many brethren, the first one of our kind (Romans 8:29 – expanded).

The only real substance is that which God knows inside Himself, inside the story He tells Himself about Himself, an infinite number of infinite numbers of specific thoughts.

God’s Thoughts. David said that God’s thoughts concerning you are more than you could count (Psalm 139). And God’s thoughts inside Himself, inside His own story, concerning you, though unending, are just one set of an infinite number of infinite thoughts.

And all those thoughts are goodness.

Paul said it this way: **I will know as I am known** (1 Corinthians 13). In other words, “I will know God’s knowing of me.” And God’s thoughts concerning you do not “rule over” you, for God is not arrogant. Rather, your life is an unfolding of the knowledge of God showing itself as you.

Already Glorified. Then Paul gives us the rule regarding all of God’s thoughts towards each one of us inside Himself.

Even more than that, those whom God has seized in His Pro-Determination, God also first called them [out from His Pro-Knowing]; and those whom God called, God also first justified them, placing them into incorruptible sinlessness, that is, into Christ; and even more than that, those whom God justified and made pure and holy, God has also already glorified them, placing them out into His creation as His image and likeness, God revealed through them now (Romans 8:30 – Expanded).

You, dear reader, are already glorified in all the glory of Jesus inside of the knowing of God.

Word Already Complete. Let’s give an example of a simple word coming out from God concerning you, that it is already finished inside of God. **Be**

perfect, therefore, just as your heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48).

Those remaining in the rebellion of Adam hear a word like this in one of two interconnected ways. Either, *“I will perform this word,”* or, *“I can’t do anything like that, so let’s throw it out.”* But you see this word as Christ entering into you, and so you respond with **“Let it be to me according to Your word.”** And then you KNOW that every Word God speaks is already finished inside of our Father. Thus, we rejoice in all confidence that this word is already complete inside of us.

Already Perfected. By [God’s] desire, we are already made holy [belonging only to God] through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. – This One, moreover, having offered one unbroken [bearing of all sin] sacrifice for sins, sat down inside of the right hand of God; from now on waiting expectantly for His enemies to be made a footstool for His feet. For by one offering, He has already perfected those who are continuously being made holy [by God] (Hebrews 10:10 & 12-14).

The sacrifice of Jesus did not “change” God’s thoughts towards you, for God is unchangeable. Rather, the sacrifice of Jesus is for you, enabling you to know what is already true. The sacrifice of Jesus is your passage out from not knowing into knowing God’s complete and perfect knowing of you.

Placed into Christ. Now, Paul said in Romans 8:30 that God has already fully justified you inside of Himself. God did that by placing you into Christ. But you cannot know what that means until you give up on being able to please God.

The first three chapters of Romans are Paul’s attempt to persuade you and me just how lost we are and just how much we cannot redeem or save or change ourselves. Then Paul says this. **Indeed all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God—**

being justified, made pure and righteous, utterly without sin or any falling short of God, by His grace and favor through the redemption that is inside of Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as the Mercy Seat through faith inside of His blood (Romans 3:23-25).

Inside of Christ Jesus. Because you are incapable of fixing yourself, God has placed you into Christ. **Out of Him [out of God – out of His Pro-Knowing], moreover, you are inside of Christ Jesus, who has become as us wisdom from God and righteousness** (1 Corinthians 1:30). You see, Jesus said in John 17 that you belonged to God, inside His own thoughts, before God ever gave you to Jesus.

You can see that if we were to try to fix ourselves, we would have no place for God’s knowing of us to come into us through our faith. It’s not that God’s knowing of us would not be true; it’s that we could not know it. **And you are made complete, already brought to full maturity and perfection, inside of Christ** (Colossians 2:19).

Already Just Like Jesus. As far as God is concerned, the only thing He knows is that you are already just like Jesus in all completion right now. And God made you weak, just as He made Jesus weak – **of Myself I can do nothing** (John 5). That’s why He embedded you entirely inside of His love, that you would no longer worry about your human inabilities designed by God for glory.

By placing all that you are into Christ, God placed you into sinless perfection, that is, Jesus. Yet you are also free in Christ, for God places no one under obligation. You are free to live in God’s knowledge of you as your own story of self OR you are free to continue in your own made-up story of always falling short of God.

The same two options are before you as were before Adam.

Two Options.

Option 1: Jesus alone is my connection with God; He is God speaking me out from Himself and inside of me. Jesus' story is my story, and my story, including all my failure, is His. I rest utterly inside of Him; Jesus is fully responsible for me. I, as I find myself to be, am only what God already knows coming into me as the Lord Jesus Christ who fulfills all that God speaks in all that is me.

Option 2: *Jesus did something for me way back when; now it's my turn to prove myself before God. I am responsible for myself; it's up to me to "obey." Yet I am always falling short; yet I will try again. Yet I fall short. Yet I try again. Yet I fall short. Someday, God's word will be true, someday.*

Option 2 is for those who prefer to boast in their flesh before God, even though they have nothing to boast about.

See Jesus Alone. But you are not of Option 2, for even your choice of where to live in your own story of self is coming, every moment, out of the One who lives in your heart. Believe in Him.

And so Paul said, **[I am] persuaded of this, that the [One] having begun a good work inside of you, will complete and accomplish [that work] until the day of Christ Jesus** (Philippians 1:6). And the writer of Hebrews said, **Looking into Jesus, the source and the completion of our faith** (Hebrews 12:2). Or as God said to Moses, **"Stand still and SEE the Salvation of God"** (Exodus 14:13). To "see Jesus" means to know with all certainty that what God speaks into you IS the only thing true.

Believe in Jesus. The exceeding greatness of His power penetrating with purpose into us who believe, down to the finest details of the energeia of the dominion of His ability to subdue which He energized in Christ when He raised Him out from the dead (Ephesians 1:19-20 – expanded). The word energeia/energeo is one of the most incredible words

in the New Testament. It is a description of the life energy, the continuous swirling action that is Jesus living inside your heart, causing you to be all that God already knows inside Himself regarding you.

You cannot be "fallen short of God." Such a condition cannot exist. **It is finished. You are already complete inside of Christ;** Christ already performs all that God speaks inside of you.

Believe in Jesus.

6.2 The Cross

The Cross of Jesus Christ is your Doorway, right now, into all the LIFE of God, into living inside of all that Christ is and means. The Cross is for STEPPING THROUGH.

The Cross of Jesus Christ is the mighty barrier between you and all that is sin and death barred out by an impassable and unassailable fortress and kept far away from you. The Cross, entirely behind you now, is for your PROTECTION.

My goal in this lesson is to increase the size of the cross in your perception. That increase will continue until your body is swallowed up by life. The cross is larger than the universe, larger than all created things in heaven and earth together, but in a specific way.

Fulfilling the Law. What really happened upon the cross? In order to answer that question, we must look through outward appearance, that is, a Man hanging bloody, naked, and unashamed upon a cross of Roman execution; we must look into the substance that is God.

God gave the law through Moses for one primary purpose, and that was to magnify in our sight the cross of Christ. Here is what Jesus said about that law. **Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven**

and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled (Matthew 5:17-18).

Shall Die. Here is the strongest expression of the law, an absolute found in every jot and tittle of it. **Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them** (Galatians 3:10 & Deuteronomy 27:26). James said it this way. **For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all** (James 2:10).

And here is the strongest testimony of the prophets. **The soul who sins shall die** (Ezekiel 18:20). And then – **At that day the slain of the Lord shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth** (Jeremiah 25:33).

You, dear reader, have broken the law; the law must be fulfilled.

You Are Guilty. Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God (Romans 3:19). You are guilty, dear reader, and there is no recourse. Never speak about your old self ever again. Never defend your old self before God. Never try to fix yourself. The law and the prophets must be fulfilled. You are guilty of all wickedness, and you must die.

It is my purpose to fix in your heart that terrible day of slaughter prophesied by Jeremiah in which God put to death all humans who have ever lived. God puts everyone to death; God slaughters all.

All Died. For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died (2 Corinthians 5:14).

The Cross of Jesus Christ is the execution of all, of the entire creation, all things in the heavens and all things in the earth. All died. All, all, all. All broke the law. All are executed.

The Cross is the fulfillment of the law.

But you have a problem, dear reader, and that is that God NEVER forces Himself on anyone. The knowledge of God, Christ Jesus, comes only through your faith, through your express permission. Will you accept your execution upon the cross? It is a personal decision, something only you can do for yourself.

Coming to Terms with the Cross. You see, the space in front of the cross is filled with millions and millions of people, all who refuse to accept their execution, convinced that they can still live by fixing themselves. Those who accept the Cross discover that the Cross is a wide-open Doorway leading into -? What is beyond that Door must wait until the next lesson.

Here you must come to terms with the Cross (from Romans 3). **There is none righteous, no, not one.** – You, dear reader, are NOT and never will be, not if you “try” for 10 million years. **There is none who seeks after God.** – No, dear reader, you do NOT seek God’s will; you never have, and you never will. Stop lying. Close your mouth.

Crucified with Christ. I AM crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20). – **For you died** (Colossians 3:3). – **Our old man was crucified together with Him.** – **Also consider, reckon, speak yourselves to be truly dead** (Romans 6:6 & 11). – **Having already been symmorphosed [sharing the same form] with His death** (Philippians 3:10).

Nothing in all the Bible is more FINISHED than your death.

Nonetheless, the question is not “what is true,” but, “Do you KNOW what is true?” And that knowing comes only through faith, through believing that God is telling you the truth against the sight of your eyes and against all human judgment.

A Broken Record. You have an enemy, and that enemy is like a broken record, saying the same stupid thing over and over, yet always heard and believed. God says that **YOU ARE crucified with Christ**. And the serpent whispers in your ear, *“You can be crucified with Christ, if you try really, really hard (loser).”*

Do not regard him. All those millions piled up in front of the cross, trying so hard to *“put themselves to death,”* are listening to the evil one and not to Jesus. They will not step through the Cross to enter into Christ. Yet God loves them, just as He loves you, and He has already placed them into Christ, just as He has done with you. For that reason, God gives us all Romans 7:7-25.

Come unto Me. In the first part of chapter 7, Paul establishes that the cross, by allowing us to enter into marriage union with Jesus, has made us free from the law of sin and death. In the first part of chapter 8, Paul establishes that the life of Christ in us has made us free from the law of sin and death. But in Romans 7:7-25 Paul presents a “what-if” scenario. What if it’s up to you to rid yourself of sin in the flesh? As you would expect, such a path goes straight downhill into the agony of “Who will deliver me from this dead body of sin in the flesh that still clings to me?”

Here is Jesus’ answer. **Come unto Me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest** (Matthew 11:28).

Christ Dies No More. The Cross is your entrance into that rest of which Jesus speaks, but only as you step through the cross into full union with Christ. To remain before the Cross in the unnecessary agony of a hopeless “struggle against sin” is refusing to come to Jesus.

Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus is on the other side of the Cross. **Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more** (Romans 6:9).

Never place Jesus back upon the cross in any present tense; Jesus has nothing more to do with death. And neither do you.

Consider, reckon, speak yourselves to be truly... living and alive towards {connected to, fused together with} **God inside of Christ Jesus** (Romans 6:11).

Step Through the Cross. Now, consider this assertion of Paul. **Many desire to put on a good show in the flesh... For me, however, never may it be that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom the cosmos has been already crucified to me and I to the cosmos** (Galatians 6:12 & 14).

Every negative verse in the Bible, every speaking against sin in the flesh, is God exalting and magnifying the cross of Christ. God’s intention is not that you should quiver before the cross, hoping to prove God wrong, hoping to *“put on a good show in the flesh,”* but that you should embrace the absoluteness and the finality of your already completed death. **If One died for all, then all died.**

For only as you step THROUGH the cross, entirely by faith, do you enter into the life God has given you, that is, knowing Jesus as He is.

6.3 Union with Christ

Christ, I have been crucified with. I live, however, but no longer I. Christ {Himself in Person} **lives inside all that is me. More than that, the life I now live inside this sphere of flesh** {flesh of His flesh – see Ephesians 5:30-31}, **I live entirely inside of the faith of the Son of God, this one having loved me and having given Himself [traded Himself] entirely for me** (Galatians 2:20).

Let me give you the same thing in the New King James’ wording, with bits from the King James. – **I have been (I am) crucified with Christ; it is no**

longer I who live, (nevertheless I live, yet not I,) but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by (the faith of) the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Christ, Not “I.” To step through the Cross is to step into Christ, into all that Christ is, living now as you. It’s no longer you; it’s Christ. – **Christ who is our life** (Colossians 3:4).

Jesus is not just living in your heart; He is also living out from your heart as you. You are already an expression of the Lord Jesus, just as you find yourself to be. **In this love has been perfected, brought to full completion fused together with us, that we [together] might have boldness to speak [Christ our life] inside the [to]day of judgment, that just exactly as He is, so also are we in this present world** (1 John 4:17).

Union with Jesus. As Jesus is, right now, so also are we inside our daily life. **It’s no longer “I” who lives, but Christ.** – According to John and Paul, you are Christ Jesus now living as you.

I want to talk about your union with the Lord Jesus Christ. But first, what it is not. There is no such thing as a union with “Christ” that is in any way separate from Jesus in Person.

Remember our first and continuous rule, that we know nothing apart from Jesus Himself living inside our hearts. There is no “Christ” separate from Jesus; apart from Him we are and can do nothing (John 15:5). Let’s paraphrase Paul’s words. “It’s me, yet it’s Christ, yet it’s me, yet it’s Christ. Jesus and I utterly entwined together, two walking as one.”

Continual Present Tense. Let’s start with the last part of Galatians 2:20, as in the NKJV. **...the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.** But John said that we are as He is NOW. Paul was referring to an historical action, but John brings that

same thing as an all here now Christ Jesus in us today.

This means that, to know Jesus as He is today, we bring every past tense action and verb regarding Jesus into the present progressive tense, that is, continual present tense. The Son of God, who IS LOVING me right now and who IS GIVING Himself for me, for my sake, right now.

Yet Paul is also taking us back to Gethsemane, to that all-here-now moment when Jesus agrees to receive you into Himself, to become all that you are, that you might be all that He is.

The Plant In-Between. Unless a grain of wheat is planted into the ground and dies {in outward appearance}, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain {brings forth many more just like itself} (John 12:24). Jesus is the One Seed of God; you are the ground into which He is planted, Jesus living in your heart. The goal of the gospel, God’s intention towards you, is that you be just like the Lord Jesus Christ, **the firstborn of many brethren.**

But think about the in-between. When the seed is planted in the earth, it does not instantly become many seeds. Rather, it becomes something that appears entirely different. The seed becomes the plant.

Jesus as You. On the Day of Pentecost, Jesus entered into and became His Church. When you asked Jesus into your heart, the One Seed of God was planted in you and became you. You are the plant, the present form in-between Seed and seeds.

In the resurrection, you will be outwardly, in all appearance, the revelation of Jesus Christ through you – **many sons to glory** (Hebrews 2). But right now you are the same weak and incapable human you have always been, stumbling and foolish, outwardly so “contrary” to what Jesus “*should look like.*” But the proof of Christ is not Jesus “in glory.” The proof of Christ is Jesus in you. – **That the life of**

Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh (2 Corinthians 4:11).

Trading Soul for Soul. The Son of God who continuously gives Himself for me. The word “for” in the Greek is *hyper*, which **means for the sake of**, but which also includes the sense of a trade, that Jesus trades Himself for me and me for Himself.

Jesus is continuously giving you His story of self to be your own story, and Jesus is continuously taking upon Himself your story of self as His very own. Your soul and Jesus’ soul are merged entirely together. And this is how we understand the next thing Jesus said. **He who loves {keeps as his own} his soul [his story of self] will lose it, and he who hates {trades for another} his soul [his story of self] in this world will keep it into the age** (John 12:25).

Inside the Sphere of Flesh. There is only one way for you to “lose” your own soul, your own story of self, and that is to give it to another, that all that you are belongs to Jesus alone. Only then do you find your true self, Jesus, now living as you. But how does this work in practical daily life? How do you KNOW your own personal union with Christ?

The life I now live inside this sphere of flesh {flesh of His flesh}, I live entirely inside of the faith of the Son of God. It’s not your faith that keeps you, but Jesus’ faith in you. All that you are is Jesus; He is all there is inside of you. Christ is your life, your soul, your story; you have no other life.

Jesus’ Own Story of Self. Here is the greatest surrender to God you will ever know, to accept that Jesus is now living as you, that He is entirely responsible for you, for all that you find yourself to be. You are only and always the expression of Jesus, His own story of self, in and through your mortal flesh. You are the flesh of Christ (Ephesians 5:30-31).

But what about your sin and your present wicked actions?

For He [God] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin to be sin for us, for our sakes [to trade], that we might be the righteousness of God inside of Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). This is the present, continuous, on-going action of Jesus inside of you, bringing all that you are entirely into Himself and He into you.

The Living Scapegoat. On the Day of Atonement, two goats were offered for the sins of the people (Leviticus 16). One goat was sacrificed as the sins of the people already committed, and the other goat lived as the scapegoat, carrying inside itself all their ongoing sinfulness, far away from them.

There are only two places for your present sinfulness and your ongoing wicked actions. Either you carry them upon yourself, in the horror of living in Romans 7:7-25, as if you are separate from Jesus. Or you place them entirely upon Jesus, that He might carry all of your present mistakes and foolishness inside that special room inside Himself – His EMPTY grave, where no sins exist.

Carried in an Empty Grave. Therefore, we were buried together with Him through immersion into death, that just as Christ was raised out from the dead through the glory of Father, so inside of newness of life we also should walk (Romans 6:5). Walking **inside of newness of life** right now is walking in the full surrender into Jesus that He is now living as us, utterly responsible for all that we are, our living scapegoat.

Finally, we come to the faith of the Son of God inside of our entire sphere of flesh. Our flesh is His flesh. – **of His flesh and of His bones... one flesh with Him** (Ephesians 5:30-31). Before you can know how Jesus shares His faith with you as the definition of your present life in a body of flesh, you must know a bit more about what faith is.

Seeing Christ Alone. We walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). Jesus gave us a parable to help us to understand this quality of faith. – **The**

lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is single, your whole body also is full of light (Luke 11:34). For your eye to be “single,” you must see Christ alone, and in seeing Christ alone, all that you are in your present body of flesh is Christ.

“This that I am experiencing is You, Jesus, sharing of Yourself with me.”

The faith of Jesus in you does not “see” outward human failure, but only Christ as you. And thus you never judge yourself by your feelings or by human judgement, but only as Christ.

Speak Out Loud. “Jesus, this frustration is Your frustration, sharing Yourself with me.” – “Yes, My dear one, I am sharing My own human difficulty with you. Can we place our shared frustration into our Father’s love?” – “Yes, Jesus, that is the only place it belongs.”

“Jesus, this sin is your sin, dead upon the cross and buried in an empty grave. This shame is Your shame; this mistake is Your mistake. You alone are responsible for all that is me.”

Yet faith also sees the full and complete trade, soul for soul, life for life.

“Jesus, Your glory is my glory, the story of my life. Your victory is my victory, my every step in God. Your love is my love, pouring forth from my heart. Your life is my life, the only life I am.”

“Jesus, You are all I find myself to be, and all that I am is You.”

The Points at the Heart. The next three points are the heart of knowing Jesus as he is. Know these things as your very life.

16. Everything is already finished. God never speaks anything that is not already fulfilled and completed inside Himself. Just as God exists as complete in Himself, so, in the same way, every Word He speaks exists fulfilled.

17. The Cross is absolute and complete. Every element of the old creation has already perished in totality upon the cross. The cross is our doorway into Christ; the cross is our protector from all sin and death.

18. Complete and present union with Christ, Jesus living as us, is the only age-unfolding life. The Lord Jesus gives us all that He is inside of all that we are and takes all that we are into Himself as His own.