

LIVING OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

—LIVING BY THE RICHLY INDWELLING WORD OF CHRIST—

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

—Colossians 3:16 ESV—

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

—2 Corinthians 12:9 ESV—

For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

—2 Corinthians 12:10 ESV—

CHRIST AND
CHRIST ALONE ...

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

—Philippians 4:13 ESV—

And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

—Philippians 4:19 ESV—

ON CHRIST THE SOLID ROCK
I STAND, ALL OTHER GROUND
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"GOD TELLS US HOW TO LIVE OUR LIVES"

(NO KIDDING ... HE REALLY DOES ...)

We are instructed to let the word of Christ dwell richly in us—individually and as a fellowship. This means that we are to let something happen because of some action which we have taken by the grace of God through the direction of the word of God and by the empowerment of the Spirit of God.

WHAT IS THE ACTION?

PUTTING ON OUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST!

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

We carefully follow God's instructions.

AND WHY DON'T WE DO THIS?

We are unwilling—or *unable if unsaved*—to follow God's instructions.

THE OLD WAYS ARE TOXIC ...

- In Scripture God speaks clearly and teaches us everything we need to know to honor him with our lives. What we must absolutely understand—and it seems that many professing Christians do not understand—is that when we do not live our lives as God directs us to, then we will live in the toxic ways of the old life.
 - So what are we to do with the old ways? Put to death the old ways; put them all away; put off the practices of the old life entirely.
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- **TOXIC:** poisonous, venomous, virulent, noxious, dangerous, destructive, harmful, unsafe, malignant, injurious, pestilential, pernicious, fatal, deadly, lethal; capable of causing death or serious debilitation.



(REVIEW) Clean out the old, toxic ways.

- (James 1:21 ESV) **Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness** and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.
- (Colossians 3:5 ESV) **Put to death** therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.
- (Colossians 3:8 ESV) But now you must **put them all away:** anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.
- (Colossians 3:9 ESV) Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have **put off the old self with its practices.**

(REVIEW) Put on our new life in Christ.

- (Romans 13:14 ESV) But **put on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
- (Colossians 3:10 ESV) And have **put on the new self**, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
- (Colossians 3:12 ESV) **Put on** then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
- (Colossians 3:14 ESV) And above all these **put on love**, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

(REVIEW) Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

- (Colossians 3:15 ESV) And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(TODAY) Let the word of Christ dwell in us richly ...

1 WE MUST LET THE WORD OF CHRIST COME INTO OUR LIVES. (*REFERENCE PREREQUISITE ABOVE—

“CLEAN OUT THE OLD, TOXIC WAYS”)

- a. **The word of Christ is** the word of Christ—his actual words.
- b. **The word of Christ is** the word *about* Christ—about the gospel.
 - (Colossians 3:16a NLT) Let the message about Christ ...
 - (Colossians 3:16a ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...
- c. **The word of Christ is** the word of the Father.
 - (John 12:49–50 ESV) For I have not spoken on my own authority, but **the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.** 50 And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.
- d. **The word about Christ is** all of Scripture.
 - (John 5:39 ESV) You search **the Scriptures** because you think that in them you have eternal life; and **it is they that bear witness about me.**

2 WE MUST LET THE WORD OF CHRIST FILL OUR LIVES (DWELL IN US RICHLY).

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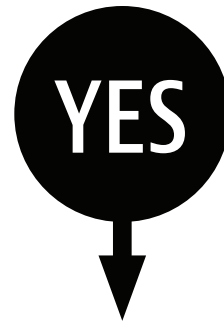
3 WE MUST LET THE WORD OF CHRIST CHANGE OUR LIVES.

- (Colossians 3:16 ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
 - a. **The word of Christ dwelling in us richly will** bring a spirit of teaching and admonishing one another in all the wisdom of God.
 - b. **The word of Christ dwelling in us richly will** bring a spirit of instructive, biblical, thankful worship in all the wisdom of God.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS WE WILL KNOW IF CHRIST'S WORD IS DWELLING IN US RICHLY?

THE FOLLOWING REFERENCES ONLY GIVE US “THE TIP OF THE TIP OF THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG” OF WHAT CHRIST WOULD HAVE US TO KNOW OF HIS PROMISES ...

1. We will know his rest.
 - (Matthew 11:28 ESV) Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
2. We will know his peace.
 - John 14:27 ESV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
3. We will know his victory over the world.
 - (John 16:33 ESV) I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.
4. We will know his judgment.
 - (Matthew 13:30 ESV) Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”
5. We will know whom to fear.
 - (Luke 12:5 ESV) But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!
6. We will know whom not to fear.
 - (Matthew 14:27 ESV) But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”
7. We will know that he will raise us up on a future day when he brings his judgment and reward.
 - (John 6:44 ESV) No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.



OLD LIFE



NEW LIFE

PUT TO DEATH

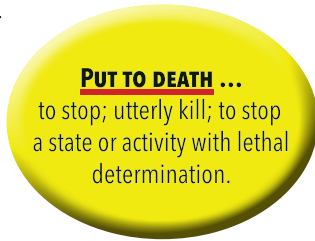
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PUT OFF THE OLD SELF

ITS PRACTICES

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PUT ON CHRIST

COMPASSIONATE HEARTS

KINDNESS

HUMILITY

MEEKNESS

PATIENCE

BEARING WITH ONE ANOTHER

FORGIVING EACH OTHER

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