

FOUNDATIONAL BIBLE STUDY



Living for Christ

On the day you accepted Christ you made the most important decision you will ever make. On that day your future radically changed. By accepting Christ you assured that you will spend eternity with God in heaven. Inviting Jesus to be the Lord of your life involves giving your entire life to Him. This decision to totally give your life to Christ is a commitment that not only affects your eternity, but also drastically affects your life here on earth as well. Let's look at what it means to live for Christ.

Please read the following Scriptures and answer the questions.

- **Romans 5:6-8**

While _____ were still _____ Christ _____ for _____.

- **Romans 6:10**

He died to _____ once for _____; but the life He lives, He lives to _____.

- **1 Peter 3:18**

Jesus (the righteous) died for the unrighteous, to bring _____ to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the _____.

- **Galatians 2:20**

In your own words answer the following question:

What does it mean to say "I have been crucified with Christ?" (Hint - read Romans 6:6)

Take a moment and think about what you just wrote. The Scriptures make it clear that in order to live for God we must determine not to live for ourselves. That's not easy to do. In fact it's a daily struggle for every Christian. It takes a conscious decision and a continuous effort to hang our own feelings and desires on the cross and to let them die there. Now let's read the following Scriptures and answer the question.

- **John 10:27-30**

- **John 14:9**

Although it may be difficult for us to understand, The Scriptures make it clear that _____ and God are _____.

So we can determine, from these scriptures that Jesus died for us while we were still sinners. That He died to sin on our behalf and now the life He lives, He lives for God. Very simply put, being crucified with Christ means we too have died to sin and now we live to, or for, God. As Christians, we must put our old life behind us and **Live for Christ**.

How is that possible? How can I die to sin and live for Christ? Let's look at some scriptures for the answers.

Please read the following scriptures and answer the questions.

- **John 14:12**

If you believe in _____ you try to do the _____ He did.

- **Ephesians 5:1**

We should attempt to _____ God. Meaning we should demonstrate the traits or personality of God in our own life.

- **Matthew 19:26**

What is impossible for _____ is possible with _____.

- **Luke 11:28**

We should _____ the Word of _____ and _____ it.

Let's wrap up today's study and summarize with a few conclusions. Although it would be best to read and study the entire Bible to fully understand the personality of God, we can get a good idea of what living for Christ really means by reading the following scriptures.

- **Galatians 5:14-25**

Christ died for _____. He expects me to _____ for Him. Living for Him means trying to live _____ Jesus taught. In order to live like Jesus taught I must be willing to crucify (or give up) my _____ nature and live by, and be led by, the _____.

The Bible teaches us that the acts of the sinful nature are _____. And that the acts, or fruit, of the Spirit are love, _____, _____, _____, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and _____.

Living for Jesus is not easy. In fact, the Bible promises us that we will have problems. But it also promises us that we can overcome the problems of the world and find peace even in tough situations. Why not take a moment and look at your own life? Ask yourself "Am I living for Christ or am I living for me?" If your answer is "for me" then it's time to make some changes. As you think about today's study just ask God to show you the areas of your life He would like to see changed. He will show you and He will help you as you attempt to **Live for Christ**.

Suggested memory verse:

***"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* Galatians 2:20**