

Discipleship 101: Basics of the Christian Life

Lesson 3: What Happens When You Become a Christian?

II Corinthians 5:17 *“¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”*

Regardless of what your conversion experience was like, you should not base the validity of your conversion on Feelings alone.

I. YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN.

Acts 2:38 *“Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”*

Sin is the one thing that keeps us from having a relationship with God.

Colossians 1:13,14 *“¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”*

Psalms 103:12 *“¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”*

Micah 7:19 *“¹⁹You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.”*

I John 1:9 *“⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”*

II. YOU RECEIVE NEW SPIRITUAL LIFE.

Colossians 2:13 *“¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ.”*

When we become Christians we are Reconciled to God, who is the Source of life and we are made Alive with Christ.

John 3:3-6 *“³In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”*

⁴*“How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!”*

⁵*Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.”*

When we become a Christian we are Born Again.

III. YOU RECEIVE THE INDWELLING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

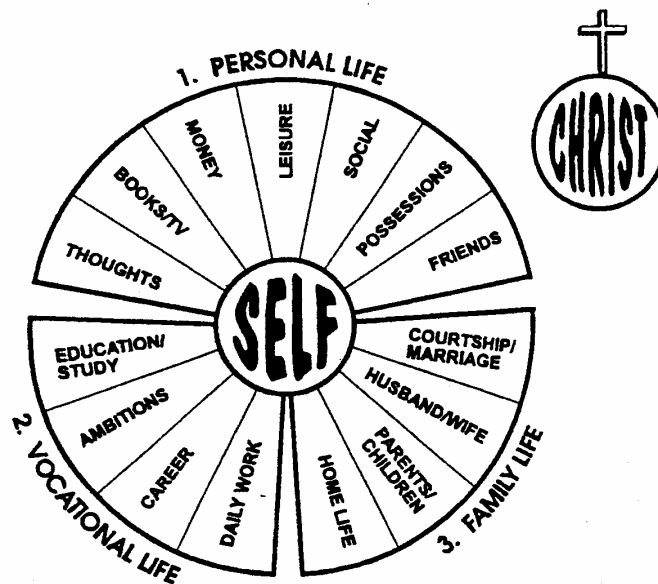
I Corinthians 6:19 “¹⁹*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?*”

Ephesians 1:13 “³*And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,* ¹⁴*who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance*”

If you are a Christian, you have the Holy Spirit living in you – regardless of How You May Feel.

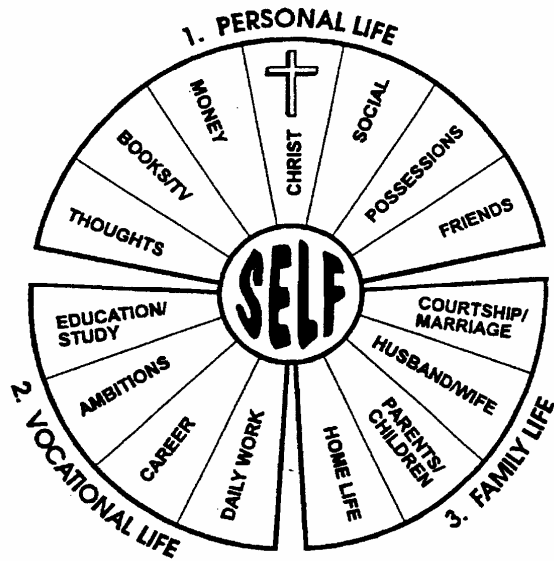
IV. YOUR LIFE IS UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.

I Peter 3:15 say, “¹⁵*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.*”



I Corinthians 6:19,20 “¹⁹*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;* ²⁰*you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.*”

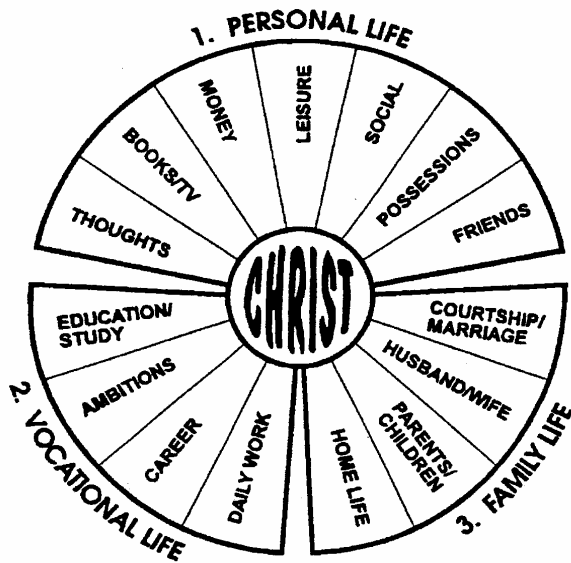
Problem: Many want Christ to be their Savior, but few want to submit to Christ as Lord.



Mark 8:35 *“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.”*

Ephesians 3:17 *“...Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.”*

To make Jesus Lord of your life you have to place Him at the Center of Your Life.



V. YOU BECOME PART OF A NEW FAMILY.

Romans 8:15,16 *“¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”
¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”*

At the moment of your spiritual birth you enter into a New Relationship with God. God becomes your Heavenly Father.

As members of God’s family you and other true Christians share the one Source of Spiritual Life.

Ephesians 4:4-6 *“⁴There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”*

VI. YOU ENGAGE IN A SPIRITUAL BATTLE.

Ephesians 6:12 *“¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms”.*

When you become a Christian you need to be ready for Opposition_____.

Colossians 1:13 *“¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,”*

When you become a Christian, you instantly become a Target for Satan.

I Peter 5:8 *“Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”*

I John 4:4 *“⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”*

When you become a Christian Satan’s Power over you is Broken.