Life Is Not Complicated. Learn, Love and Serve!





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Romans 8:1-4 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Oh what a fabulous day when a person becomes a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ! God has taken care of all of the sin issue and believers receive the benefits of what He has done! That is so we are set free from concern about sin. Now we can learn about God, love Him and go love each other. It's like God is saying, "I've dealt with all of your sin problems; you and I are good forever! Now go love one another. When you do commit sins, (and you will), admit them, stop them and renew your mind with My word, all through the power of the Holy

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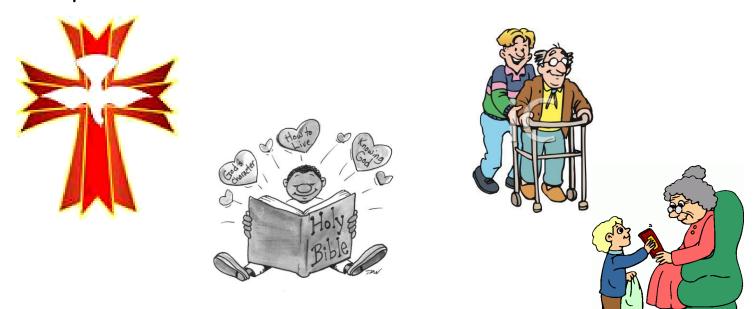
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Spirit. I'll be with you all the time and all the way!"

Psalm 119:9 How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. Admit your own faults! Proverbs 28:13 He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.



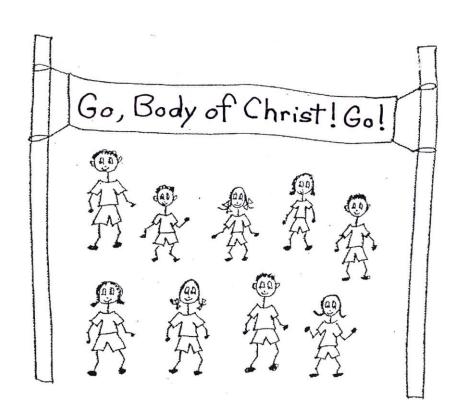
God wants us to get our minds off of serving ourselves and go serve one another! He knows this will take time for the Holy Spirit to change our thinking so we aren't so selfcentered. God the Holy Spirit pours His love into us! God's love is not something we can develop in ourselves; God does it! It is supernatural! That means it's not natural to man, only to God. The Holy Spirit first teaches us about God the Father and His love for us. Then He teaches us to love Him. **And then** the Holy Spirit says, "Now you go love and serve others." It is a process of learning and then doing, **all through the power of the Holy Spirit!** It is not complicated!



Galatians 5:13 "For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Think of all the people who "serve us", or take care of our needs. Of course, the most important person God put in our life is **Jesus Christ**, **our Savior**! Christ came to **serve** and to **give His life** to redeem all mankind! Also, God gave us parents or someone to watch over us until we are old enough to be on our own. He gives us pastor-teachers, firemen, policemen, teachers, the military, government officials, and others. God has put these people in our lives to take care of our needs. Besides all of that, God put us in the body of Christ or the royal family of Christ. This is so we can serve Christ and each other. What a privilege!



1 Corinthians 12:13-14 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.



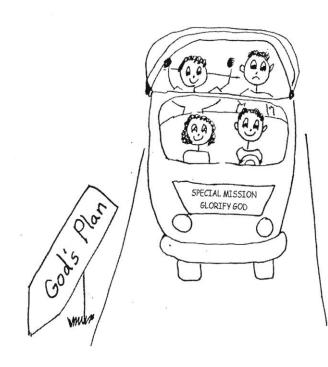
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The Church, the Royal Family of God, is made up of every believer; we are in union with Christ and we are His family. Jesus Christ is the Head of the body and believers make up the rest of the body. We have need of each other. We are to use our time, talent, and treasure to help and encourage one another. The power given to the humanity of Jesus Christ is now given to each one of us! We have divine power available to us! It doesn't matter what our background, color, or handicaps are. In fact, nothing about us matters except that we are believers in Jesus Christ. We are rich in Christ!



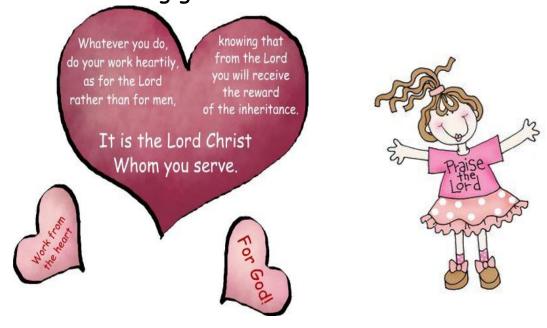
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Satan doesn't want us to be united in the body of Christ; we need divine power to fight against Satan's power. Our human power won't work! We need the power of God the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine in our souls. The future of our country depends on each believer's attitude toward God's word. To see if we use divine power and God's word, our obedience to God's will, purpose, and plan for our lives will be tested. As goes the believer, so goes the nation. We are Jesus' representatives! What a privilege! With great privilege comes great responsibility. No worry! The Holy Spirit gives us His power to carry out our responsibilities! We just have to cooperate with Him! He will unite us in the body of Christ!





We don't need to any longer be tossed about and confused by the lies of the world, the flesh and the devil! What a relief that is! God has taken care of all of our past, present, and future sins. We are set free from concern about sin so we can learn about God, love Him, serve Him and go love and serve each other. We can freely live in the command of God in the New Testament, Matthew 22:37 And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.' "This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' Remember, God the Holy Spirit is the One Who pours the love of God into us (Romans 5:3-5); He makes it possible for us to grow so that we can get to the place where we love God with all our heart, soul and mind (it will take until we get to Heaven). He makes it possible for us to love our neighbor as our self. Amazing grace! This will take time too!



God gives His love to us so we can grow up in it! God will grow us, the body of Christ, in His abundant life and love. When God's love is working in a humble believer, all things are possible because God is the One making them possible. The lifestyle or the heart of this believer is in the hands of God, saying "lead me", without any thought of self. Service to the Lord God is a privilege and opportunity we don't deserve. We can only boast in His grace allowing us the opportunity, and giving us the strength! Each one of us in the body of Christ is to serve the Lord and one another, the Head and the body.

1 Corinthians 4:1 Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.





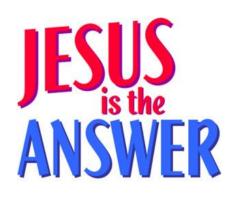
As I've said, for God the Holy Spirit to change us takes time! We can't be unloving one moment and loving the next! It takes **lots** of teaching **by** the Holy Spirit **from** the word of God **to** us. It takes really knowing God and how His love operates. It takes many situations where we have to use God's viewpoint found in His word. It takes much growing in the body of Christ! Then one day we will get to the point where we are controlled, urged and impelled by the love of Christ - at least most of the time! We will want to serve others! When we truly understand what Christ has done for us, even when we were enemies of the cross, then Christ's love compels us.



2 Corinthians 5:14-15 For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.



The heart of Christ doesn't become cold towards us when we disobey. He always has intense love and concern for us. His heart is bound to us because of His perfect love. That's the heart we are called to imitate. Remember, God the Holy Spirit will do the work of changing us and give us the power to love and serve! We just have to cooperate with Him and learn God's thinking in the Bible. Our eyes should be on Christ and other people. God's eyes will be on us and take care of us! We have been placed in the vicinity of others BY GOD. It is for us to serve them and for them to serve us. We all need encouragement and help at times. God sees that we get it! Now let's learn, love and serve!





Hebrews 10:22-25 Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.