

I Can Live in Christ

Not that I . . . have already been made perfect . . . but one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:12-14, NIV)

I look forward to all that Christ is going to do for us. Imagine being perfect physically like He is, sharing His glory. Imagine being in constant touch with Him, responding fully to His presence. Imagine being one with Him and complete in Him, holy and loving as He is. The more we realize our own weaknesses, the more wonderful these promises become. We will live in Him forever.

But here's a possibility that's even more exciting: I can live in Christ right now. I can live in His Spirit here, today, in this moment. When I look long-term, all I see are my inconsistencies and weaknesses. But right now I can live in Him.

I'm not saying I can live a perfect life by any means, even for an hour. But right now I can remember that He is here with me. I can breathe prayer to Him and foster that openness to Him that is the key to spiritual growth.

This moment I can turn to Him with my concerns. I can depend on Him and know His peace.

This moment I can find joy in Him, no matter what has happened or will happen.

This moment I can endure temptation and difficulty as I trust Him, knowing I will come through them stronger and closer to Him.

This moment I can be truly loving in Him.

Don't think about how impossible it is for you to be all Christ wants you to be for the rest of your life. Look to Him this moment. Live in His presence now. You know what He can do when You trust Him-you've experienced it. Trust Him now. Be glad in Him in the present moment. Tell Him how you feel about Him.

Oneness with Christ is not a someday blessing. He does not put it off until tomorrow. We put it off. His Spirit is always with us, always in us, always eager for fellowship. Enjoy Him. Enjoy Him now.

Hymns:

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