

Our Christ-Enlivened Lives (A New Anthropology)

- At the Center We Are "New Creations" - II Cor 5:17; Ro 6:4; Eph 4:24

..."Once I was _____, now I am _____."

...Radically new in time (someone not there before) and in type (in kind/species)

...No more separation! - Jo 14:3; Jo 17:24; Heb 13:5

- We Are Inhabited By God's Life - Jo 10:10; Jo 1:4

...The life which enables us to fully and properly function according to the intent and design of our Creator - II Pet 1:3,4

...Jesus Christ alone is the Source and Supply of this life - Jo 14:6

- A Christian: A Human Being Who Has a Fixed Eternal and Internal Union with God the Father, Son, and Spirit - Jo 14:23, 26; 15:26

...in all its fullness - Jo 1:16; Col 2:9-10

...Two New Testament Illustrations:

a) Matt 11:28-30 - "Abide in Me and receive all you need.
Abandon to Me and discover that I am enough."

b) John 15:1-11 - "As the Vine, I am the source of all true vitality, fertility, and identity.
Center in and live from Me"

Christ the Center (of Creation and Re-creation)

- At the Center Is Christ: The Personal Deliverer - Col 1:13-14

...Christ is the reason for creation, not a "correction"!

...He comes personally to

...rescue: from death for life

...redeem: pay price so others go free

...rectify: put us back on course

...replace: not repair or improve

*HE IS THE CENTER OF ALL LIBERTY

- At the Center Is Christ: The Personal Discloser of God - Col 1:15

...What God is, What Man is - all in one Word - Jo 1:1

...He makes known what the natural can never know on its own - Jo 1:18

...Our objective: to know Him and express His Life - Jo 17:3

*HE IS THE CENTER OF ALL DISCOVERY

- At the Center Is Christ: The Personal Designer of All Things - Col 16-18

...There is meaning prior to matter - Acts 17:28

...He is the subject before all predicates - Ga 2:20

...Why He has the "pre-eminence" - Col 1:18

*HE IS THE CENTER OF ALL SIGNIFICANCE

- At the Center Is Christ: The Personal Delight of God - Col 1:19

...All the fullness of God is in Him (there are no "parts" of God in other places!)

...Christian growth/transformation is never by "addition" (Christ + _____)

...Whatever is "in Christ" pleases God!

*HE IS THE CENTER OF ALL MATURITY

- At the Center Is Christ: The Personal Destiny of All Things - Col 1:20; Eph 1:9-10

...He is the single reason for all that is.

...We are being treated on the basis of an assured future - Phil 1:6

...We may "borrow" from that assurance policy and bring it into the present - II Pet 1:4

*HE IS THE CENTER OF ALL CERTAINTY

"We proclaim Him!" - Col 1:28