

**The Christ-Expressed Life
(In Our Personal Lives)
Colossians 2:6; 3:1-14**

The Christ-Expressed Life Calls for an Ongoing Responsivity to His Saving Life - Col 2:6

- Our oneness with God in Christ is a cooperative union - Phil 2:12-13
 - ...employed in the daily choosing of trusting Christ - Lk 9:23
- We do that by grace (His)... through faith (ours) in reply to the Divine Initiative - Eph 2:8
 - ..."Have Your way, live Your truth, express Your life" - Jo 14:6

Divine Expression Requires Divine Supply - Col 2:9,10; Jo 1:16; 15:5; II Pet 1:3,4

- The "self" in separation has been replaced by the "self" in union with God - I Cor 6:17
 - ...the Christ expressed life starts with the death of our old self - Col 13:3,5
 - ...the Christ expressed life is the release of His Life in our new self - Col 3:4,10
- God never calls for anything out of us He has not already placed within us - Phil 4:13
 - ...the Christ-expressed life is not a matter of self-consciousness, but of Christ-consciousness - Col 3:1-4

Christ Being Expressed in our Personal Lives - Col 3:5-14

- Put off the expressions of the self-focused life - Col 3:5-9 (they no longer "suit" you!)
 - ...sins of idolatry - Col 3:5
(whatever we thought would bring body and soul satisfaction/deliverance)
 - ...sins of self-preservation - Col 3:8-9
(the ways we tried to defeat and protect ourselves, defeat our foes in conflict)
- Put on the expressions of the Christ-focused life - Col 3:10-14
 - ...the "grace clothes" freely given to our new lives in Christ - Col 3:12-14
(garments custom made, perfectly suited for our new self)
 - ...the "grace clothes" that fully represent the heart and mind of Christ - Heb 10:16; I Cor 2:16
(not behaviors to imitate, but gifts of God to be claimed by faith - Col 2:6)
 - ...we can always put on "love" - our "all purpose garment" - Col 3:14 (Message)
- We are being renewed when His Life comes out of us... as His Life! - Col 3:10