

THE CHRIST EXPRESSED LIFE
"Christ Pre-eminent in His Church"

Christianity Is Always Personal, But, It Is Never Individualistic - Col 1:2

In the Christ Enlivened Church: - Col 1:18; 2:13; 3:4

- Jesus Christ is our Liberator - Col 1:13-14, 21-22; 2:13-15
- Jesus Christ is our Lord - Col 1:3; 2:6; 3:24
- Jesus Christ is our Lover - Col 3:12
- Jesus Christ is our Life - Col 2:13; 3:4

In the Christ Expressed Church, He Is Displaying His Life through Us: - Col 2:9,10; Jo 1:16

- His Life of Personal Touch:

- ...we mediate the sacred touch of God - Col 4:13
- ...the Body of Christ is God's foremost sacramental matter in the universe - Jo 20:21; I Cor 12:7
- ...acceptance... encouragement... attentiveness - Col 4:8,10,11,17; Ro 15:7

(We experience the witness of God's pleasure - Acts 20:35)

- His Life of Servant Love:

- ...we manifest His intercessory life - Col 1:7; 4:7,12; Ro 8:34; Heb 7:25
- ...the Life in His Body is poured out for others - Phil 2:6-7; Ga 5:6; Ro 15:3; I Jo 3:16
- ...pays the price so others go free... fills in the gaps... addresses needs - Col 1:24, 29; 2:1

(We experience the witness of God's joy - Heb 12:2; Jo 15:11; Neh 8:10)

- His Life of Holy Witness:

- ...we magnify Christ's compassion for the world - Col 1:3-6; 4:17; Matt 15:32; Mk 1:41
- ...in His Body He reveals God "for" the world "to" the world - Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8-10
- ...instruments of redemption... broken bread, poured out wine - Col 4:18

(We experience the witness of God's purpose/significance upon our lives - Col 4:17)

THROUGH THE PERSONAL TOUCH OF OUR POURED-OUT LIVES, GOD MAKES HIMSELF KNOWN
- Matt 10:8