

Living Life by Faith in Christ

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Intro:

1. **To live life in Christ by faith once must first be in Christ by faith
(Regeneration and justification are pure receptivity...gifts are not earned)**

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast..
(but this text continues)

2. **To live in Christ by faith is an active life**

Ephesians 2: 10 (ESV)

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Galatians 2:20 (ESV)

"I have been crucified in Christ. It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me, and the Life I now live I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me"

3. **Living life through faith in Christ is to live in confidence that God, our Father, is in sovereign control and is leading us according to His wise and good plan.**

2 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV) 14 But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

Romans 8:28 (ESV) 28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Ephesians 1:11 (ESV) 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will.

Matthew 6:25-34 (ESV) 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? 28 And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin,... 31 Therefore do not be anxious,

saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. 34 "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

4. Living in faith in Christ involves our making conscious decisions by an informed conscience aided by the Holy Spirit and the body of Christ.

Matthew 22:37-40 (ESV) 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. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Deuteronomy 5:6-21 (ESV) 6 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 7 " 'You shall have no other gods before me. 8 " 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 11 " 'You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 12 " 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you... 17 " 'You shall not murder. 18 " 'And you shall not commit adultery. 19 " 'And you shall not steal. 20 " 'And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 21 " 'And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.'

Galatians 5:6 (ESV) 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.