

The fact that you have been genuinely ‘born again’ does not mean that you are now able, in and of yourself, to mimic the life of the Lord Jesus! Millions of Christians have been sadly frustrated that their efforts to do so has led to frustration and even despondency.

The liberating secret of joy and victory, is that the Lord never expected us to imitate His Life, but offered an exchanged life. He made the provision to be available for His imparted Life. By an act of faith, we received the Lord Jesus into our life. When we become a believer, we are to follow the same principle to live the life of faith. **This demands a life of total dependency upon the risen Lord to accomplish His minute details in and through us.** Because we have already died ‘in’ Christ, we are now dead to all the demands of legalism and have been freed from the condemnation of the law!

A life of total dependency upon the Lord always brings glory to God. But contrast a life of independent action originating from a ‘pride’ of accomplishment that the self-life always wants to be recognized! God has already pronounced ‘dead’ my every vestige of self-confidence. Freedom, joy, and praise began with my new life in Christ – it was all by an act of faith and we are to continue living by the same dependent faith. “For if by one man’s offense (Adam) death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall **reign in life by One, Jesus Christ”** Romans 5:17. The Lord is my Life and I am but His vessel!