

## **Christianity is Christ!**

**Jesus Christ and Eternal Life are synonymous terms and Eternal Life is none other than Jesus Christ Himself**

**Why do we need this life?**

**Discuss the bottom line of what it means to be a Christian. Romans 8:9 Romans 8:16**

**1Cor. 6:17 Paul says He who is united, joined [GK. Glued or fastened together] become one spirit with Christ.**

**What type of joining is this?**

**a. --- Is this a psychological union whereby we keep Jesus in our thoughts and consciousness?**

**b. --- Is this a moral union whereby we seek to conform to Jesus' example?**

**c. --- Is this a spiritual union whereby Jesus dwells and functions in man?**

**John 3:1-6 How does Jesus' conversation with Nicodemus relate to this union**

**11Cor. 4: 10-11 What was Paul's desire for us concerning this union?**

**John 1:13 How is spiritual life conveyed?**

**(Eph. 2:10) Who then is the source of the deeds or works of Christians?**

**John 11: 17-25 Discuss Jesus' startling comment.**

## Quotes

"There was one mistake into which the early Church was never in any danger of falling. In those early days men never thought of Jesus Christ as a figure in a book. They never thought of Him as someone who had lived and died, and whose story was told and passed down in history, as the story of someone who had lived and whose life had ended. They did not think of Him as someone who had been but as someone who is. They did not think of Jesus Christ as someone whose teaching must be discussed and debated and argued about; they thought of Him as someone whose presence could be enjoyed and whose constant fellowship could be experienced. Their faith was not founded on a book; their faith was founded on a person."  
William Barclay

"in Christ a new kind of man appeared: and the new kind of life which began in Him is to be put into us." C.S. Lewis

"To Paul the Resurrection was not a past fact, but a present power. If Christ is risen from the dead, it means that it is possible for the Christian to live every moment of every day in the presence and the fellowship of the living Christ. It means that the Christian approaches no tasks alone, bears no sorrow alone, attacks no problem alone, faces no demand alone, endures no temptation alone. It means that Jesus Christ does not issue his commands, and then leave us to do our best to obey them alone, but that he is constantly with us to enable us to perform that which he commands. **To Paul the Resurrection of Jesus Christ was neither simply a fact in history nor a theological dogma. It was the supreme fact of experience. It meant that all life is lived in the presence of the love and of the power of Jesus Christ. The life of Jesus Christ within the spirit of the Christian is not just a deposit to guarantee future heavenly benefits. Such a static and detached understanding of the Christian life encourages Christians to "hold on," wait, and endure the pathos of the present, because the past is forgiven and the future is assured. It misreads the gospel as a heavenly fire-insurance policy for the avoidance of hell. The objective of participating in Christianity and the Christian life is not just to avoid hell and get passage to heaven, but to allow the dynamic expression of the life of Jesus Christ by His Spirit to function in human behavior to the glory of God. Salvation is not simply a static event of regenerative conversion, but is the dynamic expression of Christ's life that causes us to be "made safe" from misuse and dysfunction, in order to function as God intended by His presence and activity in us.** James Fowler

"Christianity without Christ is a chest without a treasure, a frame without a portrait, a corpse without breath." John R.W. Stott