The Victorious and Glorious Life By Bro. David Padgett Walking in the Spirit Ministries

Rom. 13:24 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Love that passage! To put on the Lord Jesus Christ, we must cast off the works of darkness at the I Jn. 1:9 bloodgate. When we confess our sins we put off the old man and put on the new man which is Christ in us, the hope of glory.

Scripture teaches that all have sinned and come short of this glory, which is Christ living his resurrection life through us. When we are truly right with God, we can say, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I NOW live in the flesh I live by the FAITH of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

This is the source of the TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE as well as TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS and HOLINESS. The Gal. 2:20 life is the evidence that we have put off the old man and put on the new man, which is putting on the Lord Jesus Christ in the person of his Spirit.

Eph. 4:22-24 instructs us to put off the old man and put on the new man. God tells us that the new man is created in RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUE HOLINESS. At this pinnacle of humbled obedience, we are in compliance with the scripture that tells us to be holy as he is holy. We also obey Eph. 5:18 that tells us to be filled with the Spirit, as well as Gal. 5:16 that says, Walk in the Spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

The only time that Jesus is truly the Lord of our life is when we put him on at the bloodgate, allowing him to live his resurrection life through us in the fulness of his Spirit. To call him our Lord and walk in the fleshly old man is akin to blasphemy and mockery.

When Jesus lives his resurrection life through us, it will be evidenced by our sensitivity to his Spirit which is continually ministering truth to our souls. He will be crying Abba, Father, drawing us into throne room fellowship and partnership in ministry. (Gal. 4:6))

In the fulness of his Spirit, he produces love, joy, peace, longsuffering (patience), gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Spirit control of fleshly desires and appetites). These are the necessary essentials to form the character of God and of Christ within us, that we might be conformed to the image of Christ.

This is true spirituality! Our Lord through his Spirit, provides the desire and the LOVE to minister his truth to others, saved and unsaved, with the pure motive and intent of glorifying God. He even provides the FAITH which worketh by LOVE to live godly lives in Christ Jesus. Through the imparting of the fruit of the Spirit, we are endued with a JOYful and MEEK spirit of GENTLEness. This is a scripturally ordained spirit that equips the servant of the Lord. (II Tim.

2:24-25) This truly is a PEACEful spirit of LONGSUFFERING (patience) maintained by Spirit supplied TEMPERANCE (patience and Spirit controlled calmness).

Welcome to the glorious life of Christ in you, the HOPE OF GLORY!! Only here can we live a TRULY HAPPY LIFE of CONTENTED PURPOSE that is both VICTORIOUS and GLORIOUS!! God is no respecter of persons. This ABUNDANT LIFE is available to every truly born again child of God.

In closing, keep in mind that Jesus told Nicodemus in Jn. 3:5 that except a man be born of the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. Col.1:13 says, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:". Finally, if we are born again, and have been translated into the kingdom of God and his Son, we should be living in righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost, according to Rom. 14:17.

Where are you living? If you know that you are truly saved, your Father desires that you live the Gal 2:20 life in the throne room with him and his Son. You are either living in the his throne room or in your own room, where you are the lord of your life. The loving wooing of the Spirit of Christ is crying out to you, Abba, Father