



**General Topics :: And THEY THAT ARE CHRISTâ€™s .....?**

**And THEY THAT ARE CHRISTâ€™s .....? - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/22 11:13**

Gal.5:24,

â€œAnd \*they\* that are Christ's ,....â€™haveâ€™ crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.â€

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Really ??.....\ \*THEY\*.... that are Christâ€™s,..... \*WE\* that are Christâ€™s,...

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Are we Christâ€™s?

Isnâ€™t this kind of talk VERY SERIOUS ???

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What do you / we make this out to be ?

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To me it soundâ€™s like \*kingdom Living ?

Sounds like the \*gospel of the kingdom that Paul was preaching / teaching.

A place, ...in The Spirit, where The King, who is Jesus rules, and is Lord.

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I am seriously considering this today.

Isnâ€™t it truly worthy of our consideration ?

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\* The night is far spent,.. The Day is at hand.

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elizabeth

**Re: And THEY THAT ARE CHRISTâ€™s .....? - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/22 12:38**

Gal. 5:24,â€œAnd \*they\* that are Christ's ,....â€™haveâ€™ crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.â€

SHOCKING but 100% true!!!!

Notice that "have crucified" is PAST TENSE. Nothing to be done in the future but something that HAS ALREADY TAKE N PLACE.

YES this is an accomplished fact. The question is do you believe this or do you believe a lie of the devil instead?

**Re: And THEY THAT ARE CHRISTâ€™s .....? - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/22 12:39**

Ha!

Very good observation and indeed it is certainly worthy of our careful consideration-

Your admonition hasnâ€™t fallen on def ears and is greatly appreciatedâ€™•â€™»

12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/22 13:22**

Thank you to :

Fletcher and to Vern,

Surely appreciate your input,.. I want you to know.\* when I write these things, that I am writing to ME too.... Not looking down on anyone.... The Lordâ€™ Words are worthy of my \*self examination.

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elizabeth

**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/22 13:30**

Vern,

I really need to ask / say,...

...are you saying

\*Crucified,.. The cross, (death) that we are to \*take up daily,,...

is \*The Way, that Jesus has taught, is the way that u are \*seeing this ?

...this is \* truly the Way that I see this teaching is.

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elizabeth

**We have been crucified - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/22 14:08**

The work of Christ on the cross is 100% complete and total. Everything that needed to die - actually died!! Nothing was left out. The first Adam has no influence or power over us at all.

We have been crucified - this is the old man - the old self - that thinks it is independent from God.

This crucifixion is actual and real NOT potential. When Christ was crucified and died, He was truly and actually crucified and died. There was NOTHING potential about it. We were IN Him so when He was crucified and we were crucified in Him. When He died we died in Him.

Now this death was totally complete and an utter death. Everything that needed to die actually died. Everything that needed to cease was ceased. Nothing was left out. This means that all this old I, The old man-self, and the 1st Adam could NEVER become alive again or somehow ever be resurrected again.

Now we walk in crucifixion second by second (taking up the cross).

We have been raised with Christ. His LIFE is now our only life!

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: (my old self - the old man - the Adam nature was totally and completely crucified and died with Christ - what was needed to die is now dead and never can be resurrected again) nevertheless I live; (I am still here) yet not I, (the Christ infused I because I have been made ONE by God in Christ and no separation exists between us. I am now in reality one with the person of Christ) but Christ liveth in me: (YES! His Life within me is now my real and only life) and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, (HE IS MY LIFE and He is my LIVING CONNECTION to God the father. He is the author - initiator and finisher of my faith - His faith is my faith.) who loved me (and pours out his love on me and within me second by second every day), and gave himself for me. (This is a continually giving of HIMSELF to me in a never ending discovery of HIM inside me that just keeps unfolding and keeps giving).

**Re: We have been crucified - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/22 14:16**

Dear Vern,  
I am not quite understanding,...

Are u saying :

You have a single \*eye on Jesus, in your life, and His will ??

Or,.. Are you saying \*you can or \*have a double life?

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elizabeth

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2019/5/22 14:25**

Quote:

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\*Crucified,.. The cross, (death) that we are to \*take up daily,,...  
is \*The Way, that Jesus has taught, is the way that u are \*seeing this ?  
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Yes this is correct. Our Flesh was never put to death. If the Bible tells that then I will call it a lie and quit being a Christian. How can I believe in a false teaching! I see my flesh live and active in me!

When we are born again, our old man was put to death by God. But the flesh is still the same. We have to put it to death by taking up the cross. In Gal 5:24, Paul is confidently saying that those who are abiding in Christ have crucified their flesh. If not we cannot abide in Christ at all. Every instant we have to have our flesh crucified.

Crucifixion is not sudden death. When a person is crucified, he does not die immediately. It takes hours for a person to die. Same is the condition of our flesh. It does not die but remains alive all our life. A strong person when crucified, will try to come out of the cross by all his strength. Our flesh does come out of it but we have to keep hammering the nails and keep it glued to the cross.

**I have no other life. Christ is my only life. - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/22 14:48**

I do have a single \*eye on Jesus, in your life, and His will.

I do not have a double life That is impossible. A person can be deceived into thinking that but it is a lie.

I have NO life outside of Jesus Christ because Christ is my only life that is possible.

Gal 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

This is a second by second standing FIRM in what God in Christ has already done. We are TOTALLY FREE NOW because HE hath (past tense) has made us free. Let us walk in that freedom.

**Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/22 14:55**

Yes dear sister that is how I took your post,... that you were indeed already examining yourself as your words brought that scripture to mind.

Nonetheless we would all do well if we were to heed the many warnings found in the scriptures-

**Re: I have no other life. Christ is my only life. - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/22 17:17**

Heb 1:3, "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding (sustaining) all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:"

Let us see what this word sustain/uphold really means.

Jesus bears me up from or as from below; Jesus upholds me; Jesus supports me; Jesus sustains my load. Jesus keeps me from falling, or sinking; Jesus sustains my weight. Jesus keeps me from sinking into despondency; Jesus sustains me by hope. Jesus maintains and keeps me up. Jesus maintains me with undiminished force or intensity for my lifetime and forever by a sustained effort. Jesus maintains and supports me with the needs of life. Jesus aids, comforts, and relieves me. Jesus suffers under, bears, and undergoes me. Jesus endures for me without failing or yielding; Jesus bears up under for me.

The definitions of uphold do not add anything to these definitions of sustain. They are basically the same word in English, sustain from Latin and uphold from Saxon. Thus, let's include the definitions of generate (for "bring forth"), bear, and carry.

Jesus begets, procreates, and propagates me; Jesus produces me. Jesus causes me to be; Jesus brings me into life. Jesus originates me by life processes.

Jesus supports and moves me; Jesus carries and conveys me. Jesus renders and gives me; Jesus brings me forward. Jesus conducts and brings me. Jesus manages, wields, and directs me. Jesus possesses and uses me. Jesus possesses and carries me as a mark of distinction. Jesus carries and holds me in His mind. Jesus carries on and maintains me. Jesus gains and wins me. Jesus supports, sustains, and holds me up. Jesus is answerable for me. Jesus admits me; Jesus is capable of me. Jesus brings forth and produces me.

Jesus carries my burden and suffers for me. Jesus withstands strains and bears against testing for me. Jesus endures difficulties with patience for me. Jesus means, intends, and effects me. Jesus presses up against for me. Jesus takes effect, maintains influence and force for me. Jesus bears me and produces me as His fruit.

Jesus conveys and transports me. Jesus conducts, leads, and guides me; Jesus escorts, moves, and causes me to go forward. Jesus transfers me from one place to another. Jesus takes me the distance in a single stroke. Jesus conveys me by extension and continuance; Jesus extends me. Jesus possesses and obtains me; Jesus wins and captures me. Jesus supports and sustains me; Jesus holds me while He moves about from place to place; Jesus contains me and carries me about inside Himself. Jesus carries me as a mother carries a child in her womb. Jesus carries me as His attribute and property, His show or exhibit. Jesus holds me high. Jesus sustains my weight and burden. Jesus produces me as a crop; Jesus supports me with sustenance. Jesus makes me good and valid.

I thank Him that He is NOW doing all that within me and He will NEVER cease doing it!!!

**Re: hey Vern - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/23 8:41**

Hoping to clarify for any/all whom may misunderstand your posts...

How do you respond to scriptures like, Romans 8:13?

Where two paths are clearly being contrasted,... with the desirable one requiring us to do something albeit in conjunction with the spirit-

**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/23 10:17**

Vern,

I know this will be a very pointed question,.. with all due respect, ... but very important, because I truly want to help, could u please consider this ?

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\*How did you come to the conclusion that you hold ?

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When The Lordâ€™ drew you,.. called you by His â€˜Graceâ€™....

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Did you go down,.. down,..in a deep death, in your flesh- thoughts,.. to yearn for His thoughts / judgements in matters with Him,....  
so that He could "raise" you / me up IN Him ?...to know longer be your own,  
But to "put my yoke upon you / us and learn (disciple) of me"...learn of His Way ?,... make all things new,.. born again,.. of His Spirit,.. His Way, His thinking,...death to me,... live,.. Life to God.

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(Who can keep us from falling , .. but if we fall, He picks us up)

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(I found , that is what "Grace" does, ... it is a "working" gift.).....a powerful gift),...it comes from the very Spirit of God,.. an enabling gift. )

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,.... can't we recall, the strength of His drawing,..? (Grace),... we sure can,  
Unmistakably !!

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Could we possibly follow after a "tradition",... What has come before us ?

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I do not wish to offend,....NO ! Not at all !

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. but please considered these most dire thoughts.  
... they truly are a life or death situation .

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elizabeth

**Re: JFW - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/23 15:17**

Rom 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Mortify the deeds of the body - treat as dead is the same as reckoning.

Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

It is impossible to reckon or treat something as dead if that something is not already dead. You can not kill a dead thing.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2019/5/23 15:44**

Quote:

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It is impossible to reckon or treat something as dead if that something is not already dead. You can not kill a dead thing.  
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I do not want to involve in theological debates but this statement is logically incorrect! You do not need to reckon something as dead if it is already dead. Here we are even asked to reckon our self to be dead to sin. Not that reckon our flesh to be dead to sin. Our flesh is still active, living and healthy. That is why it says further,

8:12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh" 13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit YOU ARE PUTTING THE DEEDS OF THE BODY, you will live.

Clearly here we are commanded to put to death. The exact subject of discussion here is to carry the cross daily and consider our self dead to flesh. This is Man's responsibility. Look here the tense is also continuous. Which means we need to keep doing it daily.

**Re: brother Sree - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/23 16:33**

Yes Amen!

This is also my understanding of these passages of scripture and the means or method by which we are to "mortify" (put to death) our flesh (self) is found in the next verse :)

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

By listening to and obeying the word of God ☩

This business of "believing" things that are practically demonstrable as being false is foreign to me-

**Re: - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/23 17:00**

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify (treat as dead) the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

I am led by the Spirit of God(continuously)and am a Son of God.

I do not live after the flesh.

Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. I walk in the spirit and do not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Since I walk in the Spirit the flesh becomes a nonissue for me.

**Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/23 18:26**

Ok Vern,

When was the last time you did something/anything that God Himself did not direct you to do personally by way of His spirit?

**Re: JFW - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/24 6:49**

Let me answer your question this way. I am just a branch, a clay pot and a cup. I am an earthen vessel. What makes these things valuable is the LIFE OF CHRIST that is contained in them and flows through them.

2 Cor. 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

I am NOT my own source. I am NOT self sufficient. I am NOT independent of God. I do not think I am something when I am nothing.

Gal 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself..

I do not think of myself more than I ought to think.

Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

I was given and have embraced Godâ€™s precious promises and I am now a partaker of Godâ€™s divine nature and have now escaped the corruption that is the world through lust,

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

I have zero confidence in my flesh or my own ability to please God for I am completely dead because Christ is in me.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

I have been made one with Christ. I am infused and totally saturated with HIS LIFE. He is in me and I am in Him.

1 Cor. 1:30 It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. NIV

"God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; He made us pure and holy and He freed us from sin. NLT  
I am boasting in what God has done in Christ.

I have been perfected forever and am sanctified.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

I walk in the light as He is in the light and there is no darkness in me. I am being continuously washed in His blood from all sin.

1Jo 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

I draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having my heart sprinkled from an evil conscience, and my body washed with pure water. I hold fast the profession of my faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: (my old self - the old man - the Adam nature was totally and completely crucified and died with Christ - what was needed to die is now dead and never can be resurrected again) nevertheless I live; (I am still here) yet not I, (the Christ infused I because I have been made ONE by God in Christ and no separation exists between us. I am now in reality one with the person of Christ) but Christ liveth in me: (YES! His Life within me is now my real and only life) and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, (HE IS MY LIFE and He is my LIVING CONNECTION to God the father. He is the author - initiator and finisher of my faith - His faith is my faith.) who loved me (and pours out his love on me and within me second by second every day), and gave himself for me. (This is a continually giving of HIMSELF to me in a never ending discovery of HIM inside me that just keeps unfolding and keeps giving).

I could go on and on telling you of all the things that God in Christ has done for me and you but unsure if that is what you are looking for.

God does remember any of my sins and neither do I.

**Re: Vern - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/24 7:58**

Gonna be honest,... the number of Christians you employed (referencing yourself in order to talk about God) seems more telling than your words-

Honestly not trying to be a jerk or in any way be contentious with you, however what you are proposing (believing) lacks consistency with reality.

You see that simply pronouncing these proclamations over yourself or on behalf of yourself doesn't make them practically applicable to your life in reality unless you are actually, literally moment by moment listening to and obeying the voice of Jesus. Full stop-

This is what it means to have every step directed, to walk in the promises, to keep step with the spirit etc... these aren't just hyperbolic metaphors describing some abstract personal experience- rather this is the real practical, tangible, literal way God the Father directs the steps of His children! Or put in another way this is how the kingdom is advanced.... anyone who is under actual, literal, personal, direct orders of the King are themselves, with each step taken in obedience, literally advancing the Kingdom.

Think of it in terms of a military officer- if one is enlisted into service and is clothed in the official uniform and is performing duties, then there is (rightly) an assumption that person is under direct orders of a superior, who themselves are under orders all the way up to the highest office (President). Now if you have an enlisted servicemen who is clothed in the official uniform and performing duties but is not under orders... he took it upon himself to decide and act upon his own will all while utilizing his position as an enlisted service member as a backstop of credibility, integrity, authority, wisdom, etc... he is a fraud! When found out he will be tried in a military court at the least for insubordination and possibly for treason -

Now just imagine if an enlisted serviceman said what you are saying,... "but I am a military officer, I've been forever enlisted into service of my president" they would say yes that was true but you violated the terms of service and as such did not abide in/under the direction of your superior but instead took it upon yourself to act of your own accord all while benefiting from the assumption that we sent you and you were under orders from us, but you were not and as such we wouldn't know you.

You see Vern this is a serious mistake with grave consequences and whether by choice, deception, mental disorder, or otherwise it is plainly intellectually dishonest.

Much like Bruce Jenner believes he's a woman... now he's gone to a lot of trouble and no small expense to convince others and maybe even himself that it is so,... but at the end of the day he is still a he no matter what he believes- interestingly there are a lot of Christians whom have, like Bruce, gone to a lot of trouble and no small expense to convince others that they are indeed Christians but they are not and never were, it's plain to see that for one reason or another they are lying to themselves. Now much like the current culture has come to the defense of those whom suffer from gender dysphoria saying they don't have a disorder and one is being mean and themselves have a disorder to say so, likewise a culture has grown around the church defending and justifying those who believe they are Christians yet their lives are obviously not under orders of the King no matter what they believe or how well they speak christianese and like an icing, smear it all over a cake made by their own will - for anyone much less the body of Christ to go along with this is not in any way the love of God, but is an affront to the cross of Christ and every word in the Bible not to mention practical holiness and righteous living-

**Re: - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/24 8:41**

All the "I"s I used is are Christ infused "I"s.

I know that simply pronouncing these proclamations over myself or on behalf of myself do not make them practically applicable to my life in reality.

My pronouncements can not make anything happen but the bible states "let the redeemed of the lord say so."

Psa 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

So I am speaking forth the reality of what God in Christ has already done.

And yes I am actually, literally moment by moment listening to and obeying the voice of Jesus.

Who are you to say I am not?

**Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/24 13:54**

Vern you are mistaken,...  
the burden of proof lies not with me-

Likewise no one has to "prove" Bruce Jenner is a man, for he is a man whether anyone believes or confesses it and no amount of belief or "speaking forth" can change his gender anymore than these actions could change a lie to the truth.... for it shall never be. The burden of proof rests upon the one whom claims to be something/someone they obviously are not.

More to the point... that if what you claim is true it would be redundant to even have the written word of God, in fact because it in itself contains the law (knowledge of sin and death) it would undoubtedly be an unavoidable hindrance to the cause of Christ (as you present it) and as such would be not only unnecessary but a sin for God to even allow it to be published as it completely misrepresents the "truth" as you see it, whereby "Jesus" has done everything and you yourself simply "believe and pronounce" it "speaking forth" the reality that requires no daily dying/denial of self, no cross bearing, no need to take heed and examine ourselves, or any of the plethora of warnings in the NT because according to you Jesus has already done it all, and is and will do it in you and He will never stop, and nothing you will ever do can ever change that?!! Does that sound about right?

Sir, can you not see how absolutely insane that is? For not only is it no different than Bruce Jenner claiming/believing he is something he is not but you go a step further and implicate God unto this fantasy by requiring His royal rubber stamp as it were, all while completely undermining the work of the cross and its practical effect in our lives not to mention the words of our dear savior and the witness of the spirit but also the testimony of the apostles with their clear and repeated warnings!

So you see "tis not I who says so,... but He who is in me, the Redeemer of The Lord who says so ~

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/5/24 15:07**

There used to be another poster here who said things very similar to Vern but I can't remember who it was. All his postings were along these lines and they always sounded like gobbledygook to me.

Add- just remembered- it was Tuc.

Here's a sample thread- his name does not appear on the left but you can figure out his posts:

[http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=53953&forum=34&start=10&viewmode=flat&order=1](http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=53953&forum=34&start=10&viewmode=flat&order=1)

**Re: TMK - posted by BranchinVINE (), on: 2019/5/25 0:16**

Our mighty God did a mighty work through Hudson Taylor in inland China.

Are you saying that what Hudson Taylor said is "gobbledygook".

When Hudson Taylor grasped what he called the "exchanged life", he finally found great peace and joy and rest and blessings in his Christian life and work.

Also, what Hudson Taylor said is in line with the teachings of Andrew Murray and Major Ian Thomas. Are the teachings of Andrew Murray and Major Ian Thomas "gobbledygook" to you too?

What about this song:

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0LJwSkEhruw>

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,  
Just from sin and self to cease;

Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Is this song also "gobbledygook" to you?

#### SCRIPTURE

Isa. 55:7-13

Let the wicked forsake his way  
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
And let him return to the LORD,  
And He will have compassion on him,  
And to our God,  
For He will abundantly pardon.  
"For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.  
"For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.  
"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,  
And do not return there without watering the earth  
And making it bear and sprout,  
And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater;  
So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth;  
It will not return to Me empty,  
Without accomplishing what I desire,  
And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.  
"For you will go out with joy  
And be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth into shouts of joy before you,  
And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.  
"Instead of the thorn bush the cypress will come up,  
And instead of the nettle the myrtle will come up,  
And it will be a memorial to the LORD,  
For an everlasting sign which will not be cut off."

Hebrews 6:7-8

For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned.

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ADD:

Heb. 4:2

For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

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Hebrews 3:18-19

And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

Rom., 14:23

"whatever is not from faith is sin."

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ADD:

What was their disobedience?

It was this:

God had told them to enter the land.

Deut. 1:21 (KJV) -- Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up and possess it, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged.

It would be a land filled with great and splendid cities which they did not build, and houses full of all good things which they did not fill, and hewn cisterns which they did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which they did not plant (Deut. 6:10-11).

They did not trust God and sent men to spy the land. The spies came back with the report that the land was truly a rich land and BUT

Num. 32-33 - The land through which we have gone, in spying it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants; and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size. There also we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak are part of the Nephilim); and we became like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.

And they said to one another:

Num. 14:4 "Let us appoint a leader and return to Egypt."

It was the terrible sin of unbelief.

Now, God says to us:

1 Cor. 1:30 "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

2 Cor. 1:20 "For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes; therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us.

John 17:23 "I in them, and Thou in me, that they may be perfected into one,

2 Cor. 13:5 -- Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

**YOU'VE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/25 5:27**

YOU'VE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH BY PASTOR CHRIS OYAKHILOME.

And they that are Christians have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts (Galatians 5:24).

There're Christians who are enslaved by certain habits, which they keep praying to God to help them overcome. Unfortunately, for most of them, the more they pray, the more they find themselves controlled and dominated by those habits. This has left them confused, and thinking their situation is beyond remedy. Some have even backslidden, because they thought they couldn't be free.

But in studying the Scriptures, we find that it says in Romans 6:14, "For Sin shall not have dominion over you". Our opening verse is also unequivocal: "they that are Christians have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts"; meaning that if you're in Christ, you can't be bound by any habit. So, what then is the problem of those who seem to be in bondage to certain habits? It's simply their lack of knowledge.

God never asked us to fight the flesh or struggle with sin and habits; we've crucified the flesh; we've overcome the world; we have dominion over Satan and sin. So, when some Christians or even preachers counsel others to "crucify the flesh," it's a contradiction.

It's fruitless to try to be who you already are or get what you already have. If God says you've crucified the flesh, then that's it! Your role is to respond and say, "I don't get, and can never be, dominated by sin or the flesh, because I am a Christian. Therefore, I've crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts."

Galatians 5:25 says, "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Since we were born into the spirit and we live in the spirit, we're to walk in the spirit. So, simply, if you've not been walking in the spirit, start walking in the spirit; that is, in the light of God's Word. Declare, "From this day, my flesh won't control me; my mind won't dictate to me; I refuse to be sense-ruled, for the Word of God has become my compass, and I live the Word."

Galatians 5:16 says, "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." How do you walk in the Spirit? It's by walking in the light of God's Word. It's by walking in the truth in Christ; in the light of your righteousness and glory in Him. Hallelujah!

**CONFESSION**

Sin has no dominion over me. I live in the spirit, having crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts. I've overcome the world; I'm superior to Satan; I'm washed, sanctified, and justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus! Hallelujah!

**FURTHER STUDY:**

Romans 6:11-14 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. 13 Neither yield ye your members instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members instruments of righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

**Re: YOU'VE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/25 6:01**

And they that are Christians have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts (Galatians 5:24).

The definition of the Greek word translated "have crucified," (4717 /staurázō) is also used figuratively of putting the old self to death by submitting all decisions (desires) to the Lord.

This utterly and decisively rejects the decision to live independently from Him.

Do you see how they hear? They hear only by separation. This definition of "have crucified" is an utterly and decisive rejection of union with Christ, a decision to live entirely independent of Him.

The practice of "putting the old self to death by submitting all decisions (desires) to the Lord" IS living separate and independent of Christ, of His death, and of His life.

Tell me, how can someone who is dead put him or her self to death?

How can someone who lives only by Christ separate him or her self from Christ in order to "submit all decisions" to someone else?

This definition of "having crucified", a definition shared by almost all of Christianity, is a hardness of unbelief, of refusing to enter through the cross into full and present union with Christ.

Let Christians read it again, this time believing what God says.

And those who are Christians have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires (Galatians 5:24).

I am Christians, therefore I have already crucified the flesh with all of its passions and desires, therefore, from here on out, everything I am is Christ alone. It is my old self that is gone. The only thing remaining, in all of my present humanity, is the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, and "I," the "I" that remains, I live in utter and present union with Jesus, enjoying sweet communion every moment and full freedom from all consideration of self and sin by the mighty barrier of the cross keeping me free.

Hear all things God speaks only as you are Christ Jesus living now as you.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/5/25 6:51**

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Error. Subtle, but error nonetheless.

**Re: Vern - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/25 7:17**

It's obvious that you cannot see the folly of what you speak, and how self-contradictive it is...

It is apparent that to continue to engage you only spurs you defend your beliefs more fervently thereby entangling your self evermore in the grip of their deceptions.

However there are promises in the scriptures for situations like this and it is upon those that my prayers and supplication will draw-

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

**Re: What error? - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/25 8:11**

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Isn't this Gal. 2:20?

(ASV) I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me.

(BBE) I have been put to death on the cross with Christ; still I am living; no longer I, but Christ is living in me; and that life which I now am living in the flesh I am living by faith, the faith of the Son of God, who in love for me, gave himself up for me.

(CEV) I have died, but Christ lives in me. And I now live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave his life for me.

(Darby) I am crucified with Christ, and no longer live, \*I\*, but Christ lives in me; but in that I now live in flesh, I live by faith, the faith of the Son of God, who has loved me and given himself for me.

(ISV) I no longer live, but the Messiah lives in me, and the life that I am now living in this body I live by the faithfulness of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

(KJV) 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.

Edit - Added quote

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2019/5/25 11:23**

Vern- don't you sin any more? If not, that's pretty awesome.

**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/25 14:49**

RE:

Vern, you said, and I quote,

Notice that "have crucified" is PAST TENSE. \*\*Nothing to be done in the future\*\*but something that HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE.

YES this is an accomplished fact. The question is do you \*\*\*believe\*\*this or do you believe a lie of the devil instead?  
-end of quote-

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Repeating you,..

NOTHING TO BE DONE IN THE FUTURE

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Are we greater than Paul ?

Before Paul came to The Lord,.. probably NO ONE could have told him that he was \*\*\*DECEIVED\*\*

But when The Lord \*appeared to Paul, .. Paul died to himself when he asked,..

Acts 9:6,

Lord, what wilt thou have me to do, Lord ?

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So Paul chose \*\*to die that day to self, and to begin his \*\*dying daily and \*\*following The Lord.

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1Cor.15:29-31,

Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, \*\*if the dead \*\*rise not at all? \*\*why are they then baptized for the dead?

30 And why stand we in jeopardy every hour?

31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, \*\*I DIE DAILY. (\* Paul took up his cross daily.) Don't you believe Paul did this every day ,... \*\*Lord,What would thou ,... (not me,..I die) \*\*What would thou have for me to do?

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Lk.9:23-24,..Jesus said,..





hat he (God) had promised, He was able also to perform . . . and he called "those things which were not as though they were."

**for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/25 18:23**

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:12-13

When Paul says, "For it is God who," he is making it clear that what God does comes first before anything we do. What we do comes only out of what God Himself does. And what God does is that He creates His will inside of our will and even the doing of His will in our will is of Him.

Now to the beginning and the essence of the gospel.

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

Peace with God is the very first thing that comes into the life of the new believer who is first justified by faith. I am not at war with God. My will is not opposed to God's will, and God's will is not opposed to my will. War is something that can be conducted only in the will. There is complete peace between my will and God's will. I am at peace with God.

**Re: for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2019/5/25 18:23**

The process of dying to self involves dying to our sin. So when Paul says directly "Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature". This would contradict what you are saying.

**Re: We do not "die to self - posted by Sree (), on: 2019/5/25 19:28**

Quote:

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We don't go through a process of dying to self, but rather simply realize by faith recognition that we died with Him in His death and that our old man is/was crucified with Him. This isn't something we pray to happen but it is revealed to us that it HAS happened.  
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Cup, the problem with your understanding is, you do not know the difference between Flesh and Old man. You think they both are same but they are not. Not just you but many serious Christians do not know the difference. I corrected you in the earlier posts when you said the Flesh was put to death by God. It is clear lie, because there are plenty of verses that warn Christians not to walk in Flesh. If God has put the flesh to death then all those verses are lie. Bible itself is lie because my flesh is well and alive, so is yours.

Now you are posting that Old man is dead. It is clear beyond proof that you do not know the difference. Knowing the difference is not something that will save you, but something that will keep your understanding of scripture consistent. There is also a great danger in your belief which I will explain later.

Old man is the old person who we were all before we were born again. We had no interest to live for God, or do God's will. But when we accepted the salvation that Christ offered, God put the Old man to death and made us a new creation in Christ. We do not put the old man to death daily, he is dead. The old man who opened the door to sin in our life is dead. The new man does not want to open the door to sin. He wants to live for the Glory of God.

Our Flesh is the corrupt Adam's nature. Our flesh is not put to death by God. It is the job of the New Man to fight and put the flesh to death. The flesh fights against the Spirit and Spirit against the Flesh. There is an everyday battle. It is our job to put the flesh on the Cross and keep it Crucified, every day.

For the Flesh to die, the new man should be strong to put the Flesh to death continuously. The new Man is strengthened by Grace alone. We need to seek God's grace everyday to put the Flesh to death.

Romans 8:13 - For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

This is the everyday battle that a Christian should go through. It is not done by our might but by his might. But there is still a battle. To say that there is no battle is a lie.

We can see the death of the old man as the death of the Egyptians by the Red Sea. Did the Israelites kill them? NO God killed them by merging them in the Water. A symbol of our water baptism.

The symbol of our battle with Flesh is the battle that the Israelites did to possess the Promise land. Promise Land is the overcoming life that God has promised us in New Covenant. We need to believe in God and fight the giants like the new generation of Jews under Joshua did. God empowered them to Kill the giants. The same God will empower us to fight the giants in our life like Anger, Lust, pride etc.

The God who put the Egyptians to death could have easily killed the Giants in the Promise land and allowed the Jews to live freely without any fight. But that was not God's will. He wanted them to possess the Promiseland in faith, by going to the battle in faith.

Now if someone said to them that they do not need to battle God has already killed the giants then it is a lie! They will laugh at the guy and tell him, we see the giants before us. Your God is a liar. That is what I will tell anyone who shares the Gospel that you share!

The problem or danger in belief like yours is, you do not count for everyday battle and hence you do not count on defeat as well. Bible is clear that we will sometimes stumble and sin.

1 John 1:8- If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

It is a deception to believe that we do not have sin. We have to accept our shortcomings in the daily battle and confess it to God. Without that there is no forgiveness. People who believe in what you believe, call their shortcomings as mistakes. The problem is Jesus did not die for our mistakes but for our Sins. We need to call Sin by its name and confess it to God. Otherwise we will not be forgiven both of our past and present sins.

**Re: Elizabeth - posted by BranchinVINE (), on: 2019/5/25 23:40**

You wrote:  
☺\*\* Faith: (3) phases,  
☺(1), hearing  
☺(2), Beliving  
☺(3), Obeying☺

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GOSPEL OF JOHN ☺ I AM

The Lord Jesus says:

John 8:24 (ISV) ☺  
☺☺☺unless you believe that I AM, you'll die in your sins."

John 6:35 ☺  
Jesus said to them, "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst.

John 8:12 â€

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

John 10:9-10 â€

"I AM THE DOOR; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.â€

John 1:11 â€

I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

Ps. 23:1 â€

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

John 11:25-26 â€

Jesus said to her, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

1 John 5:11-12 â€

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

John 14:6 â€

Jesus said to him, "I AM THE WAY, AND THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

John 15:5 â€

I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

And the Lord Jesus says:

John 14:20 â€

â€â€â€I AM IN MY FATHER, AND YOU IN ME, AND I IN YOU.

**GOD<sup>™</sup>S COMMAND:**

1 John 3:23-24 â€

and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight. THIS IS HIS COMMANDMENT, THAT WE BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, AND LOVE ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS HE COMMANDED US. THE ONE WHO KEEPS HIS COMMANDMENTS ABIDES IN HIM, AND HE IN HIM. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

**THE LORD JESUS<sup>™</sup> COMMAND:**

John 15:4,6 â€

ABIDE IN ME, AND I IN YOU. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.

If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned.

Are you hearing, believing and obeying these words and commands of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ?



So, the "commandment to obey" is - Stand fast in the liberty wherein Christ has made you free and do not be entangled by such bondage.

The fact that Christ is living in you as you is not just "a teaching" at all. Christ LIFE just is. His Life just springs up within you and as you without any effort at all. The Holy Spirit's job is to take the things of Christ and to show the reality of them to you. His Life within you and as you is the result of the Spirit's never ending conscience within you. There is nothing wrong with teaching, doctrine, etc., but it is not teaching or doctrine we seek, but Life in the Spirit.

When you see that it was only by God's doing that you are in Christ you can speak that belief about who you are, that you are one person with Christ, that it is no longer you who live, but Christ who lives in you. Now that speaking helps to solidify your faith into understanding and consciousness but this speaking can not create this union. The specific words do not matter, only the fact that you firmly plant your feet and now SAY that this truth is YOUR truth, that God through Christ and the Spirit now are ONE with you, and the life you are living today and all days from hence it will be Christ in, through and AS, you!

**I am in My Father, and YOU IN ME, AND I IN YOU. - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/26 6:16**

John 14:20 (NASB) â€“

IN THAT DAY YOU WILL KNOW that I am in My Father, and YOU IN ME, AND I IN YOU.

YES!!! This is 100% true. You are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

This is YOUR day to know (see God's truth concerning you) that I am in My Father, and YOU IN ME, AND I IN YOU.

**Re: I am in My Father, and YOU IN ME, AND I IN YOU. - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/26 7:58**

Vern,  
I want to ask you a rhetorical question,..  
I presume The Lord by His Grace bided you come,...when that happened. did you go to Him,alone to be taught by Him or did you follow after a denomination,..a tradition?

Because if we follow after a tradition, I believe. we can be \*Deceived.  
But if we do like Mary,, and learn at Jesusâ€™ feet,.....  
\*No man can take away what He teaches us.

What makes \*\*Deception?.... the \*lie looks just like a truth to someone.

I know nothing else to add,  
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elizabeth

**BY GRACE - NOT TRADITION - posted by cup (), on: 2019/5/26 8:19**

Yes I was drawn by God's grace. I do not follow after a denomination or any person.

The Holy Spirit takes the things of Christ and then shows them to me continuously second by second.

The root of all deception is the lie that we can be our own source and can be self sufficient.

**Re: BY GRACE - NOT TRADITION - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/26 11:45**

Vern,  
Been listening to this man this morning,.....

Perhaps this might help ,.... very good.

\*Not I But Christ Message 1 B  
By, Gbiles ..?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1S0o5KjqRc&feature=share>

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**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/26 15:03**

Brother Fletcher,  
If u haven't already watched / listened to the previous U Tube I mentioned  
â€ˆnot I that livesâ€™, he talks about the Resurrected life now, that you and I have discussed in the past.

I believe u will appreciate that.

Just wanted to bring it to your attention.  
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elizabeth

**Re: - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/26 17:53**

Thank you for sharing:)  
Will def listen to it, though probably in parts... it's hard for me to have that much time all at once - but I'm looking forward to it ðŸ˜ƒ

**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/26 18:03**

Yes, ..it is quite long.  
That was my church going, message for today.  
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**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/26 19:59**

Another one I just listened to,.. it is encouraging,..  
â€ˆRedeeming the time â€ˆ  
Not as long as the other one,..  
For ones that are hungry for Truth, it is soo encouraging.

â€ˆœAwake oâ€™ Sleeperâ€ˆ  
By Gbile Akanni

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E9bVpDBle6Y&feature=share>

Hope it brings encouragement to you.

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elizabeth

**Re: sister Elizabeth - posted by JFW (), on: 2019/5/27 9:30**

Yes Amen!

It's very simple to understand and the scriptures are clear about this yet unfortunately sooooo many have been deceived by a swell of vain words that seeks to ultimately justify their flesh :/

Looking forward to the rest of the series "Not I but Christ" ... saw there was a part 2&3 :)

**Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2019/5/27 18:22**

Brother Fletcher,

The Lord has ways of bringing things that we need to us.... encouraging.

The Brother on here , I believe his name Luka, just recently introduced this man's u tube videos to us,..here on SI,.. u may have seen it,..which I am soo thankful to him for .

I am in the process of watching many of them,and have passed it on to others.  
Truly a blessing !

Glad it is blessing you,

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