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II Cor 8:1-5 pg 1228

1) Introduction = The most beautiful thing in the world is the Christian life. a Christian is a baptized believer Mk 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

. . . . . Raised to walk in newness of life.

Rom 6:3-4 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ (ARE) were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Worldly life or Christian life

2) It is a new life.

A) Being born again Jn 3:3-5 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

born again by baptism cleansing the Spirit the body.

hence, a new life Rom 6:3-4 above, repeat.

old part new par

B.) all things have become new II Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1) new name. Acts 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves

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It is a new life
new name

with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

2.) new speech Col 4:6 Let your speech

HEB 5:12-14
pg 1275 → be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

3.) new attitude toward neighbor

DO YOU TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBOUR OR TWO ARE YOU LIKE TWO SHIPS PASSING IN THE NIGHT.

Matt 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

4) new spirit toward enemy

IT DOES NOT SAY HATE THEM - YOU NEED TO FORGIVE THEM.

Matt 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

5.) new business and social rule

Matt 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

6.) new way to spend the Lord's day

Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

WOMAN WHO PUT TWO MITES INTO COLLECTION

7.) new way to use money

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c.) It is the state of beginning again

CLEAN BODY
DIRTY CLOTHES

I WISH THERE WERE SOME WONDERFUL PLACE
CALLED 'THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN,'
WHERE ALL OUR MISTAKES AND ALL OUR HEARTACHES,
AND ALL OUR SELFISH GRIEF
COULD BE DROPPED LIKE A SHABBY COAT AT THE DOOR
AND NEVER PUT ON AGAIN.

EVERY THING WE DO SHOULD BE PLANED AROUND CHRIST TRIPS - GAMES

3.) a life which revolves around Christ

Phil 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

A.) Rear Adm Richard E. Byrd at the South Pole. Left his hut one day - blizzard came - and became lost. No sense of direction. Pole (used to check for holes in ice); he stuck the Pole in the snow and tied a scarf to it. He said," That was my center. If I failed to find my hut, I could return to the center and try again. Three times I failed but in the fourth try I found my hut!"

B.) There must be a home port, a point of reference.

1.) In mathematics - it is the decimal point.

2.) In language - it is the basic rules of grammar.

3.) In religion - it is found in Christ. Our standards come from Him.

a) I Pet 2:21-24 Turn to pg ~~290~~ ~~300~~ 1289-90

b) I Cor 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ. (Paul speaking)

c) Heb 1:1,2 God, who at sundry times and in diverse manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the ~~pb~~ prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

A SET TIME TO READ BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO.

4.) a growth to be made I Pet 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow ~~by~~ thereby:

IN SCHOOL YOU READ & STUDY.

A.) Grow in knowledge ~~#~~ Pet 1:5 and beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, DO YOU LET IT PASS AWAY?

B.) Grow in good works Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

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a growth to be made

c.) Grow in giving II Cor 8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

grace = gift

D.) Grow in soul-winning Prov 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

THE FRUIT OF OUR TREE IS STORED IN HEAVEN.

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will there be souls in heaven because you lived?

E.) Grow in diplomacy. mt 10:16 Behold, I ~~send~~ send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

~~two men~~ (BROTHERS) = woman ~~who is that horrible looking man~~ my brother = PAUSE = resemblance.

Use diplomacy in visiting the sick and talking to the lost.

F.) Grow out of childish things I Cor 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put ~~away~~ childish things.

JESUS - I MUST BE ABOUT MY FATHERS BUSINESS

5.) a race to be run I Cor 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

CROSS THE FINISH LINE AND STOP RUNNING - LIFE GOES ON.

A.) Heb 12:1-2 ~~turn to pg 281~~ 1281 runner - light shoes. → lay aside every weight:

SOME OF THE WEIGHTS HOLDING US BACK

1.) jealousy
2.) envy
3.) malice
4.) hatred
5.) evil speaking
6.) unforgiveness
7.) conceit
8.) indifference

don't look back

B.) Persevere Phil 3:13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

LOOK BACK AND LOSE YOUR STEP.

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6.) a fight to be fought

A.) There are two forces in the world. When you become a Christian you aligned yourself with Christ.

with or against Christ

Mt 12:30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.

Mt 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

B.) I Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

Endure THE TRIALS WE ARE TO BEAR ARE NOT GOING TO BE SO BIG THAT WE CANNIT BEAR THEM.

II Tim 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Eph 6:11-13 turn to pg 1244 - 5

7.) a life of burdens

THE CROSS YOU BEAR IS IT A BURDEN?

A.) There is a cross to bear Mt 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

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Gal 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

lesson for us → Ant with piece of straw - crack in ground.

The burden became the bridge for progress. Our burdens can sometimes be turned into bridges.

Burdens may get heavy - family - tear - talk to each other.

B.) a life in which we learn how to die. Phil 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Young girl (pampered) lay gravely ill. Doctor whispers to parents, but girl hears. She says, "Mother, you taught me to do everything, but you failed to teach me how to die."