

# The Christ-Centered, Spirit Filled Life

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## I. Introduction.

A. God is looking for men and women He knows He can use.

## II. The Lord is looking for people whom He can live His life out in. (Galatians 2:20)

A. Jesus Christ is the only one who can live out the Christian life.

B. We accomplish this through the mystery of Christ living in us. (Colossians 1:27)

C. We are born again by the Spirit when we accept Christ. (John 3)

1. We have all our inheritance in Him when we are born again.

2. The born again need to grow. (1 Peter 2:2-3)

3. Jesus increased in balance all of his life. (Luke 2:52)

D. We are to grow in balance all of our life.

E. As we grow we want to keep Jesus the center of our life.



F. From Christ comes our power. (1 Corinthians 1:24, 2:4)

1. You are complete in Jesus Christ.

2. All you need is in Him.

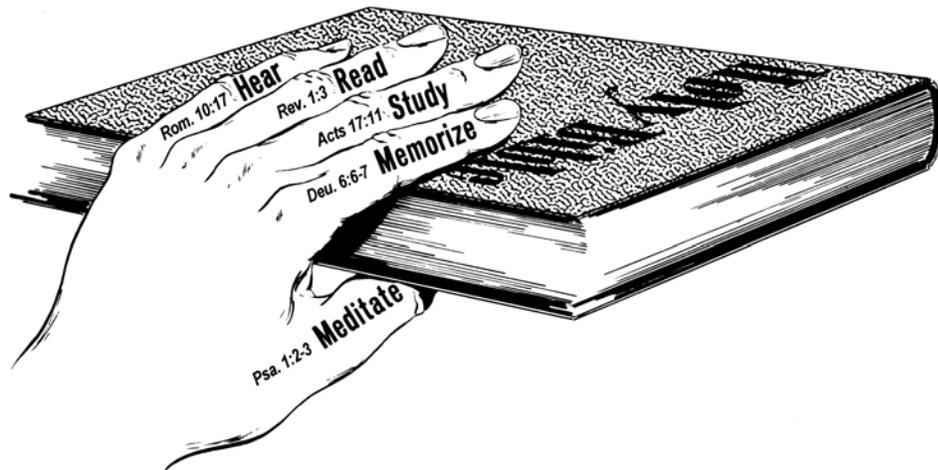
3. Christ is the head. (Colossians 2:9-10)

G. Jesus takes our burden. (Matthew 11:28-29)

1. He is under the load with us.
2. Our lot in life is to serve and suffer, but He knows and furnishes all our burdens.
3. We have to deal with Christ's relationship to ourselves and not others.

### III. The Word of God.

- A. The Word gives us instruction and tells us about Jesus. (Psalm 119:105, 130)
- B. Jesus is the perfect expression of God and the Bible is the perfect written expression of it. (Revelation 19:13)
- C. The Word teaches us how to pray. (John 15:7, Proverbs 28:9)
- D. The Word leads to obedience. (John 14:21)
- E. The Word gives us a story and tells us how to witness. (Acts 4:12, Jeremiah 23:28, 1 Peter 4:11)



IV. All the elements of our spiritual life must be in balance to keep our life in balance. (Mark 1:35, Psalm 5:3, Daniel 6:10)

- A. Prayer must be consistent.
- B. Obedience must be to the Lord. (2 Chronicles 25:2, Proverbs 23:26, Isaiah 25:20-21)
- C. One of the most important things for obedience is to say things as they are and not make excuses.
- D. Obedience requires preparation of the heart. (Ezra 7:10, John 13:17)

E. We walk in the Spirit in order to not fulfill the desires of the flesh, but many get this backwards. (Galatians 5:16)

1. It is not what you “do not do” that makes you spiritual, but it is what you do.
2. If the Christian is obedient, witnessing be a natural byproduct.

V. Question and answer.

**Application questions**

1. What is the center of living the Christian life? How does this look practically?

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2. What does the center give us power to do? How is the Christian life in action manifested?

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3. The Christian life is not defined by what you do not do but what you do. What will you do more in light of this message?

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