

The Exchanged Life

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

I would like today to emphasize that the normal Christian life is a victorious, abundant life. I cannot say this enough, because somehow we go around and we are carrying burdens. Everything seems to be attacking from the outside, and things seem so hopeless, but we have the answer in the Victor, the Lord Jesus Christ. Could it be that inside there are some inside flutters; we are rather disturbed inside? We are trying to meet standards in our own sufficiency. You may feel you are a struggling, defeated believer and that God seems too distant to help you. He is just too busy dealing with more important matters, and certainly more important people? God saved you! You, just you - right there - if you know and love the Lord Jesus. God loves you and He sent a Person to provide, through Him, everything for this exchange of all that you are going through for all that He is. Therefore, when we speak of victory, we are speaking of an accomplished fact. It is something that the Lord has done.

The problem is my uncrucified self life. This is my very serious problem inside. Perhaps I do not realize that, as a believer, this self life is as serious, in God's sight, as idolatry! "Oh," you say, "idolatry? I do not worship idols; I would not have anything in my house like this. I

know idols are very wrong. Those people over there - they do that, but not me!” But do you know, when I allow this uncrucified self life to carry on God’s work as business as usual, I am involved, as I say, in something more serious than idolatry! It is a very serious matter to have received by the precious Blood of Jesus Christ, His life and His forgiveness and then to shut Him out and to let my self life take over. I feel that when we are doing this, we do not realize that He has to take control, so that we lose the control of this self life. “Well,” you say “how can I enter this exchanged life?” There is an incredible way that God has made. It is all because you and I have the right and the prerogative to say, “I want this! With all my heart and with my will, I choose.’ I could look forever at my husband before we got married and we were all ready to be in that beautiful service, brought together as husband and wife, but until we said, “I will,” we would have been there forever, and we would have been both single people. It is with the will that we choose.

There are three little things I am going to lead you in and I want you to stop everything. If you want this exchanged life, I am going to bring these three points to you:

1/ I am going to say with you — *I choose to have your Son living in and through me.* You are saying this to the Lord. Are you willing to say, *Lord, I only want Your Son - I am choosing that right now - to do all the living through me.*

2/ Also, are you willing to say, *Yes, Lord, I choose also to be dead to sin and alive to You.* In other words, when this self life goes rattling around and raising its ugly head, *I choose that position that I make with You, that it is not going to be me and what I want; it is going to be You, I'm alive in You.* Your indwelling Holy Spirit is given permission right now that *when I forget and try to do things in my own strength, and in my own wisdom and my own energy that You remind me what I decided. I choose that it should be You.*

3/ The third point of this incredible freedom of the exchanged life is - *I choose to yield my total being to You, Lord. Just as I am right now. I want to be an instrument of righteousness, allowing no part of me to be used for sin.*

In **2 Corinthians 5:21**, we read - **For he hath made him - Jesus - to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we - that's you and me - might be made the righteousness of God in him.** His righteousness! It is amazing! And in the Amplified version, we read in **Philippians 3:10** - **That I may know him, and the power that flows out of the resurrection life.**

In so going forward, as I have chosen this incredible exchanged life of the freedom of Him, I praise Him that all the fullness of the Godhead bodily is complete. You and I . . . **are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power.** Against all satanic attack I am

reigning, ascended in Christ, and which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)**. Because of this Life, by His exchanged willing power, living through me moment by moment, I can say, *Yes, Lord. Thank You, Lord. It is over to You. I praise You, Jesus.*

In Your precious Name. Amen.

