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KEY QUESTION: What is the outworking of having Christ's life formed in us?

KEY POINT: Our very lives become the outward expression of Christ's life on earth.

Christ's life that is being formed within us through the Gospel, is an eternal life. Although our physical body is of earth, we have an eternal life being formed, shaped and built in this earthly vessel, finding ourselves manifesting the life of Christ in and through us into the earth.

2 Corinthians 4:11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

The life of Jesus manifesting in our mortal flesh. The word manifest means; to make actual, visible, realised, thoroughly understood. In other words the tangible wisdom of God being made known into the earth through the vehicle and vessel called the 'church'.

Ephesians 3:10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

God has chosen the church to be His vessel of love, light and life into this world of darkness. The church is called and chosen to be the light of the world, and manifest the nature, character and power of God. We are His prized possession, a priestly people, who were not a nation but are now chosen to be one.

Q. How much of Christ's life is manifesting in and through you today for the world to see?

Q. If not that much then why not, as this is what we are called and chosen for?

To walk in the exact same manner as Jesus walked, through the true knowledge of Him, is to be a goal for every follower of Jesus to attain to. To fulfill the Law of Christ, which is the Law of love, in a real and tangible way, is fully possible for all those who are in Christ. We are to release and minister His love, grace, mercy, kindness, gentleness, generosity, peace, hope, etc. into the earth. Just as Jesus was on this earth so are we to be.

We have also been given the ministry of reconciliation by God, and it is all of our personal responsibilities to lay hold of this eternal role and be active in living it out.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Word of God performs on itself. It accomplishes the very thing God sent it

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to do and that is to bring the church of Jesus Christ into the fullness of the Son. God wants to present us before Himself as a spotless and blameless people, who have lived lives that glorify the Father, Son and Spirit, doing the will of God while we live here on earth.

If we are not in this truth and partaking of this reality, then we seriously need to ask ourselves why not and be willing to be uncovered from the true spiritual condition we are truly in, letting God shine His light into the darkness of our hearts.

We finish this resource testifying to the fact that God's Word and the Spirit of Truth, have been sent to transform the church into the image of the Son, and empower her be the active and tangible manifestation of the Son's life. Anything short of this and the church has missed her heavenly calling in God.

Hebrews 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our confession.