The Gospel: The Living New Life

The gospel is a living faith that opens the door for all people to live a new life. Anyone who enters this new life through Christ will begin to experience a new reality. This new reality may be somewhat of a shock at first because there is nothing like it in the world. In fact, it is not of this world. We are born into the kingdom of God through Christ. It is a miracle.

So miraculous is this new life that it requires quite a bit of special instruction. Once we enter this gift of new life through Christ, we are in need of special tutoring. We have been given the Word of God in the power of the Holy Spirit to help us. It is clearly God's will that we understand what we have been given by his grace.

One description says it this way: "In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority" (Colossians 2:9-10). It can get no higher than this. There is no power or authority in all of creation that is above Christ. And we have been united with him. Now, we must learn what it is to walk in this fullness. This new walk is called "discipleship." We are all called to be in training. The training starts the moment we receive Christ as Savior. We will discover that this new life is the most precious life of all.

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Colossians 2:6-12

6-7 GROUNDED IN CHRIST

8-9 DEPENDENT ON CHRIST

10-12 RAISED WITH CHRIST

▪ Complete in Christ

▪ Salvation in Christ

Genesis 17:13-14

Romans 2:28-29

Galatians 6:15

2 Corinthians 5:17

▪ Included in Christ

Galatians 2:20