

In Christ: In the Arena of Personal Transformation

"In Christ" Is The Story of a Changed (Exchanged) Life - Ga 2:20

..."the life I now live..."

- We are getting used to being in Christ - Acts 17:28
 - ...it is dynamic, not static
 - ...it is not found in self-constructed activity or carefree passivity
 - = but in responsivity to His command invitations
- Transformation in Christ is not about the perfection of my character, but the expression of His nature in ever increasing measure
 - ...living as an expression of His Life!
 - ...it is always personal (never be had by rule-keeping) - Ga 3:24-25
 - (The legalist seeks to work out his own salvation WITHOUT God at work within him!)

Transformation in Christ Is the Very Personal Life of Christ "ENFLESHED" in Our Person

- It is the living "under" life
 - ...we may not be under law, but we are under the Lord!
- It is the living "through" life
 - ...Christ the Source living through us
- It is the living "without" life
 - ...it is often more about shedding than acquiring

We Start the Journey of Christian Transformation Complete in Christ - Col 2:8-10; II Pet 1:3-4

- Christian transformation is never by addition - Jesus + _____ = heresy!
 - ...a Full and Perfect Savior with a full and perfect salvation
- In Christ is the arena of all Christian activity; Christ in me is the determining reality
 - ...the self in union with Christ has replaced the self in separation from God

We have received the life pleasing to God in Christ - Col 1:19

...the commands are no burden to Christ in me - I Jo 5:3

...God using "all things" to move us from "not I" to "but Christ"