

A Willingness to Be Edited - Ro 12:1-2; 11:30-34

- Present ourselves to God with a non-selective readiness to be edited/changed

...Greet Christ as Lord of every moment/event - Acts 2:36

= moves us from "whining" to worship; from "hubris" to humility (Ro 1:21ff; Prov 16:18)

- Do not "lightly regard" the discipline(s) that keep us centered - Heb 12:5

...the ones we freely choose - 1 Tim 4:7,10; 6:12; 1 Cor 9:24-27; Col 1:29; 2:5  
(more about connection than perfection - Jo 15:1-11)

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...the ones God chooses - Heb 12:4-11

(God determines conditions essential to maximize our kingdom value - Deut 8:16-17)

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- Never see these as coming from any "hand" but your Father's!

...PTGS: Post Traumatic Glory Syndrome - Ro 8:18-29

- Our cooperation with His operation

...honestly pour out our limited, finite story into God's unlimited, infinite Love

- regularly "soak" in the love of God - Deut 7:7-8

- grace works when we are honest!

...responsively agree to trust Him

- the proper use of our free "Amen" (= most certainly)

- "I believe you... I obey you."

...in the obedience of faith we are moved from theological awareness to operational oneness

- blessedness (Jo 13:17), knowing (Jo 7:17), and rock solidness (Matt 7:24) become our experience!

- Examples from Ephesians:

"delete"

old self image/activity (4:17-22)

lying (4:25)

stealing (4:28)

corrupting words (4:29)

bitterness, slander (4:31)

partnerships with darkness (5:6-8)

foolishness (5:15)

intoxication with world (5:18)

"insert"

your new self image/activity (4:23)

truth telling (4:25)

honest labor (4:28)

edifying words (4:29)

forgiveness, tenderness (4:32)

fruit of the Light (5:8-9)

wisdom (5:15-17)

sober inebriation with Spirit (5:18)

→ We don't read anywhere where it says God will do this!

General Examples:

- Our View of God

- Our View of Ourselves (Godly Identity)

- Our View of Others (Relational Love)

## The Christ Centered Life: Christ Expressed

Personal Communion Born of a Loving Union That Leads to a Living Expression of Christ

Loving Union  
(Christ-Enlivened)

Personal Communion  
(Christ- Esteem/Edited)

Living Expression  
(Christ-Expressed)

Divine expression  
requires divine Life  
(Jo 15:5; Ga 2:20)

We cannot live Christ by  
paying attention to  
ourselves (Col 3:1-3;  
Heb 3:1; Matt 6:33)

The nature of union  
is to bring forth life  
(Jo 15:5)

Christ more than  
model or motive...  
He is the MEANS!  
union

"Abiding" is critical

The consequence of  
personal communion  
born of loving

Christ is the Foundation

Christ is the focus

Christ is the fruit