

SERMON OUTLINE

CHRIST IN US

Ezekiel 36:22-28

John 14:15-20, 15:1-8
(the 3rd sermon in a series on the Christian's relationship

with Christ)

CHRIST FOR US..... trust and gratitude

CHRIST WITH US..... nurture and development

CHRIST IN US..... ?

Living the christian life as it is described in the New Testament (Sermon on the Mount etc) is not merely difficult - humanly speaking it is impossible! Which brings us to look more closely at what we are told about the principle on which the christian life is lived.....

THE TRUTH ANTICIPATED.

Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 36:26,27.

THE TRUTH STATED.

John 14:15-20; Colossians 1:27; II Peter 1:3,4;

Ephesians 3:16,17,20

THE TRUTH ILLUSTRATED.

John 15:1-8. The life of the branch is drawn from the vine. The branch lives and bears fruit only through the life of the vine which is in it, V5. Without the life of the vine flowing through it a branch is withered and useless, V6.

THE TRUTH DEMONSTRATED.

Peter the proud man becomes humble.

John the angry man becomes loving.

Paul the defeated man becomes victorious.

THE TRUTH APPROPRIATED.

"Abide in me and let me abide in you" John 15:4.

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God..." Galatians 2:20

"Live by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature" Galatians 5:16. See also Romans 8:1-4

CHRIST IN US..... dependance and co-operation.