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CHRIST LIVING IN ME

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To achieve our 2021 vision, to "Seek the Lord" – the Elders are providing the Summit family with "My Life in Him" by the Jenkins Institute. This is Mon-Fri daily devotional for the entire year (starts Monday 01/04/21).

The study is designed to help us hide our lives in Christ (Col.3:3; Gal.2:20) by storing up His Word in our hearts so that we might not sin against Him (Ps.119:11).

Every Devotional will give us an opportunity to determine where we need to decrease so that Christ may increase. That is, we will "seek the Lord" with our mind, place the resultant truth in our hearts so that the direction of our feet may be towards Him.

How closely is your life currently aligned to Christ?

- Cognitively: Are we experiencing Christ – not just learning about Him (1 John 1:3)? Have you studied God so that you can walk, talk, and think like Him (think of what an Elvis impersonator does to master his craft)?

- Productively: Are we walking righteously in the light or practicing sin (1 Jn.1:7; 3:7-10)?
- Repentantly: Are we walking in cleansing confession or accumulative filth (1 Jn.1:8-2:2)?
- Affectionately: Are we in love with God or the world (1 Jn.2:12-17)?
- Doctrinally: Do we believe Christ is the Son of God and therefore the only way or that there are many roads to Eternal Life (1 Jn.2:22; 4:1-3, 9-10)?
- Anticipatingly: Do we walk in righteousness, eagerly anticipating His 2nd coming or are we (because of current habitual sin) shrinking back in shame (1 Jn.2:28-3:2)?
- Relationally: Do we show our deep love through generous sacrificial love one to another or do we hate (1 Jn.2:9-11; 3:16-18; 4:7-21)?
- Faithfully: Do you know you are saved or is there an "idol" that habitually lures you away from God?

May God bless His church of Christ as we seek to proudly shine from His Summit.



THE TIME IS NOW

Andrew Ellis

We are heading into the final week of 2020. With the New Year approaching, there are plenty of people out there thinking through their New Year's resolutions. No matter the New Year resolution, there are similarities with each of them. Each begins with a recognition of needed change. Often there is a perception that it takes a new calendar year to commence necessary changes. The time to start needed change is today. From the moment there is a recognition of a need to change, that is the time to initiate it. Often there is hesitation to adjust.

How many times have we witnessed someone hold off on a spiritual need? We should not be lagging in our faith. When it comes to our faith, we should have a sense of importance. The time to act on spiritual needs is now. We

must be ready to move forward. In the book of Matthew, Jesus points out the need to be urgent and ready. Jesus says in Matthew 24:42-44, ***"Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore, you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."***

Although we prepare for what the future may hold, we do not know what it has in store. We may not have as many opportunities to change what we need. Why wait for a new year? Start the change! The time is now!





