Yet Not I, But Christ Liveth In Me

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What Christianity Is - What Christianity Is Not

- Christianity is not answering an altar call nor "taking the pledge."
- Christianity is Jesus Christ alive and dwelling in my heart and life.

John 3:5-8 ESV

5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, <u>he cannot enter the kingdom of God</u>.

6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Romans 8:8-11 FSV

- 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, <u>if in fact</u> the <u>Spirit of God dwells in you</u>. <u>Anyone</u> who <u>does</u> <u>not have the Spirit of Christ</u> does <u>not belong to him</u>.
- 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.
- 11 <u>If the Spirit of him</u> who <u>raised Jesus from the dead</u> <u>dwells in you</u>, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead <u>will also give life to your mortal bodies</u> <u>through his Spirit</u> who <u>dwells in you</u>.

Galatians 2:20-21 ESV

- 20 <u>I have been crucified with Christ</u>. It is <u>no longer I who live</u>, but <u>Christ who lives in me</u>. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- 21 I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

Ephesians 3:14-21 ESV

- 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
- 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
- 16 that <u>according to the riches of His glory</u> He may grant you to be <u>strengthened with power</u> <u>through His Spirit</u> <u>in your inner being</u>,
- 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith--that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
- 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- 20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,
- 21 to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.