

# One life in Christ

## With Christ in God

*For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3:3*

This means we have One Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one life, one truth, one hope, one love, one purpose, one body, one bride, one commitment. This truth is what draws us together in Christ, even if the majority of us cannot yet perceive it to be true. Unrealised oneness is because the imperative to deny self and take up our cross has also not yet fully been accepted by us all to be necessary for one Life in Christ Jesus to be a reality.

For this drive to oneness alone is Church, visible and still invisible. So, conflict is necessary to drive us to surrender to our cross to live the one Life of Jesus Christ for Him, and for each other.

Without our cross we want our private faith. Without our cross we want our personal interpretation of the word of God. Without our cross we live for ourselves. Without our cross we want our rights. Without our cross we won't put others first. Without our cross we want Church on our own terms. Without our cross we idolise ourselves. Without our cross the oneness of the Church is dead to us.

Is our love for God worth dying for on our cross, so that we are one Spirit together in Christ? Dying to self is never easy. Where is our loyalty placed? Is the treasure of Christ and His Church worth the effort?

*And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting." Acts 9:5* We can include, Resisting, denying, avoiding.

Suffering this conflict of self-interest which dwells in us is meant to drive us out of ourselves and into Christ.

As Christ draws His chosen ones closer to Himself, we who are chosen are bound to draw each other closer to Christ our Lord. The answer to all conflict in our lives is the cross of self-denial in Christ.

And self-denial doesn't mean denying the truth of God in Christ, but faithful witnessing to the truth of God's word. For this is not self at work but God's love working in us. Abide in Him