

# Christ and My Failure

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I. Introduction.

II. God's salvation is the gift of life.

A. Many Christians find emptiness in life after they are saved because they slip back into old ways of life and experience the same inadequacy. There is something missing.

B. The whole of John's Gospel was written not simply for the forgiveness of sins but for life. God's salvation is the gift of life on the basis of the forgiveness of sins. (John 20:31, 5:39, 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

C. God's salvation is about experiencing a new quality of life.

III. What eternal life is.

A. It is a relationship with God's Son. (1 John 5, John 14:15)

B. Christ lives in us, and God has given us precious promises that we might partake in the divine nature. (2 Corinthians 13, 2 Peter 3:1)

C. We can overcome because Christ overcomes.

IV. We must let Jesus do what he wants to do with our lives.

A. We were bought with a price.

B. Jesus gave all he had to have all we have.

## Application questions:

1. Why must we understand salvation to be more than forgiveness? Explain.

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2. What does it mean to have eternal life?

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3. How should a Christian respond differently to difficulties because of his or her eternal life? Explain.

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