

Life According to Jesus In 3-2-1



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LIFE ACCORDING TO **JESUS**

What do you make of Jesus? He spoke as the King of heaven, but served like the lowest slave. He claimed to be the hope of the world, yet gave up his life on the cross. **Have you ever wondered how Jesus saw the big issues – God, the world and you?**



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3: GOD IS A LOVING UNION OF **THREE**



John 17:24

How do you think of God? The night before Jesus died, he gave us an incredible picture. He was praying in front of his followers and said: ‘Father... you loved me before the creation of the world’ (John 17:24). According to Jesus, there was a time before the world began, and what was it like? It was like a Niagara Falls of love, life and light. There has always been a Father loving Jesus – His Son – with the joy of the Holy Spirit (John 14:15–18).

This is who God is according to Jesus: a loving union of **THREE** – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The image above is trying to capture this truth: Jesus is filled with the Holy Spirit (sometimes pictured as a dove) and loved by the Father. What’s more, he prays: ‘I want [others] to be with me where I am’ (John 17:24). Jesus has come to bring us into the family!

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2: THE WORLD IS SHAPED BY **TWO** REPRESENTATIVES



1 Corinthians 15:21–22

The Bible begins with the story of Adam. His name means ‘Humanity’ – he represents us. Adam, like us, sinned by wanting separation from God. But when you run from the God of light, life and love you turn into darkness, death and disconnection. This is the human condition: we were made for love but we have a broken relationship with God, with each other and with the world.

Jesus, the Son of God, is the **second Adam**, entering our human race at Christmas. As our true representative, Jesus lived the life that we should live and then died the death that we should die. On Easter Sunday he rose again to new life. This life is ours if we are **ONE** with Jesus ...

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1: YOU ARE BORN **ONE** WITH ADAM,
BE **ONE** WITH JESUS



John 3:16–18

We're all born into Adam's suffering world and we share in his selfish ways. But Jesus offers us new life. If we trust in Jesus we become **ONE** with him. Now *his* Father becomes our Father, *his* Spirit becomes our Spirit and *his* brothers and sisters (other Christians), become our brothers and sisters.

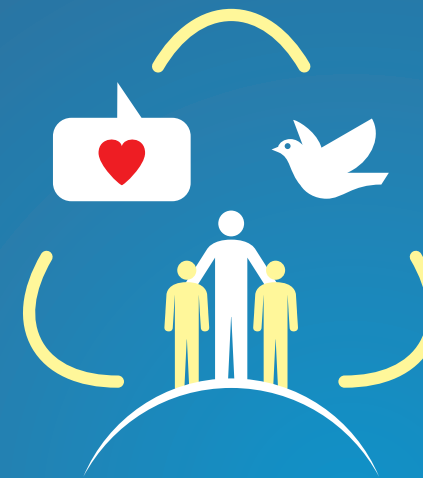
Christianity is a family affair and this extended family – the church – is the place where we enjoy God's love, live out Jesus' new life and wait for his return to put the world right. If we are **ONE** with Jesus then we have his forgiveness, his family and his future. It's for free and it's forever!

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WHAT'S **YOUR** RESPONSE?



Do you want 'in' on Jesus? The selfish way of Adam has no future – it is perishing and will be judged forever. The way of Jesus is the way of eternal life. It means receiving,

A NEW RELATIONSHIP:

God as our Father, Jesus as our Brother,
the Spirit as our Helper.

A NEW DIRECTION:

we turn from Adam's selfishness to Jesus' way of love.

A NEW FAMILY:

we join God's people, the church,
and invite the world to come home.

Is this something you want yourself?

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‘GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.’ (John 3:16)

If you want in on this love you might like to talk to God now. Here’s the sort of thing you could pray.

Dear Father, thank you for your love. I’m sorry for my selfishness and sin. Thank you that Jesus lived my life and died my death. Thank you that he rose again. I want his new life, his direction and his family – the church. Give me his Spirit and help me to walk with Jesus through this life and into eternity. Amen.

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