

## **Reflection**

### **Facet 4**

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**FACET - 4****Exchanged Life Spirituality: Grasping Our True Identity in Christ.**

The nineteenth and twentieth centuries saw the grow of an experiential approach to the spiritual life that is based on the believer`s new identify in Christ. Identification with Christ in his crucifixion and resurrection means that our old life has been exchanged for the life of Christ. This approach to spirituality moves from a works to a grace orientation and from legalism to liberty because it centers on our acknowledgment that Christ1s life is our life.

***"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20***

The term Christian came to mean someone who had received influence and belonged to the Lord Jesus Christ, promising to profess his faith and to apply in all areas of his life the evangelical principles transmitted by him and the apostles. In this way all who believe in Jesus must be faithful to the Holy Scriptures, for they testify of Jesus in both the Old and New Testaments.

Jesus said that there will be a graceful change in the lives of those who believe and join Him. By remaining in His Word, they become true disciples and from that will arise a new status in life, true freedom:

***"If you continue in my words, you will truly be my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8: 31-32***

Our identification with Christ is based on CONVERSION, BAPTISM, SANCTIFICATION, MINISTERIAL INVOLVEMENT, FRUTIFICATION, PERSEVERANCE.

Are we really united with Christ really, or does our life contradict what the word of God says? Can we see progress in our spiritual life and in our ministerial involvement?

In heaven there are no titles, no labels, no transfer of members, but only those who have the true identity of Christ.