



Life In Christ – What About Failure?

Introduction:

- We certainly maintain the idea that our victory is in Christ Jesus. But sometimes we sin, stumble, fall away, and it seems like we have a difficult time recovering.
- What happens when we fail, how can we overcome?

1. The Christian Life is Never a Failure! → God has made no provision for failure.

- A. The Christian Life is **Divine**: Quickened by the Spirit of God, born from above, partakers of God's divine nature, everlasting life.
- B. The Guidance by the Holy Spirit is **Infallible** - The unerring Word applied by the unerring Spirit. John 16:13; Isaiah 35:8
- C. The Provision is **Sufficient** - 2 Corinthians 9:8; Philippians 4:19
- D. **Assistance** is Offered - Hebrews 2:18; Luke 4:4
- E. **Power** is Promised - Jude 24
- F. **Victory** is Expected - 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

2. How We Perceive Failing at Times.

- A. Forsaking God - Jeremiah 2:13
- B. Fear of Man - 1 Samuel 15:24
- C. Worldliness - Matthew 13:22
- D. Disobedience - Psalm 106:34
- E. Misplaced Confidence - 2 Chronicles 16:7
- F. Pride - Joshua 9:14
- G. Restraining Prayer - Job 15:4
- H. Self-Sufficiency - Revelation 3:17
- I. Unbelief - Psalm 78:17-20

3. What Failure in the Christian Life Implies.

- A. Disappointment
- B. Discouragement – Deuteronomy 1:28
- C. A Selfish Life – Hosea 10:1
- D. Unfruitfulness – Matthew 13:22
- E. Lukewarmness – Revelation 3:16
- F. Defeat – Joshua 7:13

4. The Remedy for Failure in the Christian Life

- A. Confession of Sin – 1 John 1:7-9
- B. Surrendering to God's Will – Hosea 14:1-4; Luke 22:42
- C. Consecrating Our Lives to God – Philippians 1:21
- D. Laying Aside Every Weight – Hebrews 12:1
- E. Receiving God's Promises – 2 Peter 1:4-8
- F. Abiding in God – John 15:1-5
- G. Walking Humbly Before God – Malachi 2:6