

23 DAY

WHOLLY FOR CHRIST



*One died for all...that they which live
should no longer live unto themselves, but unto
him who for their sakes died and rose again.*

—2 Corinthians 5:14-15 RV

Here we have a threefold life described. First is the life of the Christian who lives according to his old nature: he lives for himself alone. The second is the life of a true Christian: he lives wholly for Christ. Third is the life of Christ in heaven: He lives wholly for us.

Many Christians need to be convinced of the foolishness of living only for themselves. At conversion, they tend to think more of their own salvation and less of the glory of God and the claim that Christ, who has redeemed us with His precious blood, has upon them. Many Christians live for themselves, content with doing a little for the Master. The believer who realizes his high calling and the privilege and blessedness of consecrating His life entirely to God's service will find true happiness.

The great hindrance to such a life is unbelief, which says that complete submission to God is impossible. But when the truth takes hold of us—"Christ in heaven lives wholly for me; He will impart His life to me and will enable me to live wholly for Him"—then we will be able to say joyfully, "Dear Lord Jesus, from this moment let my prayer each day be, 'Wholly for Christ, wholly for Christ.'"

Dear brother or sister, let nothing less than this be your earnest desire, your prayer, and your firm expectation. Say, "Christ has not only died for me, but He also lives in heaven to keep and sanctify me, His purchased possession." Ponder this wonderful thought, that Christ will keep you as a member of His body, to work and live for Him. Pray for grace to live wholly for God in seeking souls and in serving His people. Take time from day to day to be so united to Christ in the inner man that you can say with all your heart, "I live wholly for Him, who gave Himself wholly for me and who now lives in heaven wholly for me."