

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

Christian Life

When we are baptized we are sent into the world to be at every age, every time, every place and to everyone a Christian. So what does it mean to lead a Christian life...to live the life of the baptized?

“Christian love is concrete” Pope Francis

The life of the baptized is one that experiences the deepest depths of life. A Christian truly knows what it means to live life to its fullest. One who lives the life of the baptized does not search and does not want for more, for they know there's nothing more, nothing greater than the life of a Christian. A Christian lives a life that is greater in dimension, more grand in fulfillment and far beyond any words can say.

“I'm not perfect. I'm never going to be. And that's the great thing about living the Christian life and trying to live by faith, is you're trying to get better every day. You're trying to improve.”

Tim Tebow

So how does one go about living the life of a baptized Christian? The life of a Christian is modeled after Christ, in word, action and every aspect of life. This does not mean that you are perfect, rather it means that despite your weaknesses and failures you continue to follow in the footsteps of Jesus; being Priest, Prophet and King to all.

In your day to day life do you think of yourself as someone who is truly present to those around you? Do you ever ask yourself how am I, or how can I be priest, prophet and king to everyone I meet?

You might first start by asking: do I see every person as a child of God? Do I see their needs? How can I be Jesus to this person? Maybe it's as simple as answering a question or helping them out in some small way, or maybe it's a little bit harder like being patient with them, going out of your way to help them, or listening to them though you may not have the time, or the desire to do so. To be a Christian means to be Christ to all!

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footstep.” 1Peter 2:21

Are we willing to suffer for each other as Christ suffered for us? This is not an easy question. We might say yes when thinking of our family or close friends, but what about those who make us angry and frustrated, or total strangers and even people you can't stand to be around? The life of a Christian is not an easy one. To imitate the life of Christ is challenging and it takes a daily commitment to go outside of ourselves and be open to who God is calling us to be. To give of yourself for another person is the first step to loving them! To suffer for someone we love so dearly is rarely a burden, but to suffer for our enemies is truly the greatest expression of love!

Jesus,

You taught us how to live...how to love. You showed us that to truly live, we must truly love. Christian love means, to love not only those who are easy to love, but to love those who are hardest to love. True joy in life comes from loving those who are hardest to love...who are most in need of love. Help me to grow in love every day, to love greater and deeper in everyone, in every place and at every time, even when I find it impossible to love. In short help me to love all as you love me.

Amen