

You Can't

Say...



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Voir l'explication au verso.

For Edmond,
the treasure wasn't the
treasure.

For Christians, when does our
treasure in Christ **cease** to be a
treasure?

Romans 7: 15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. 16 And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. 17 As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. 18 For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.

Romans 7: For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. 20 Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

Romans 8: 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is **living in you**, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Romans 13: 14 But **put on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Colossians 3: 12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, **clothe yourselves** with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Philippians 2: 5 In your relationships with one another, **have the same mindset as Christ Jesus...**

Galatians 4: 19 My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until **Christ is formed in you...**

Our interpretation:

**We must do the work of bringing
Christ into our lives.**

Our mistake:

Saying to ourselves, “Christ was...”

Paul's
interpretation?

Romans 12: Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a **living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

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A “living sacrifice” carries
death and life in them
simultaneously.

Romans 6: 11 In the same way, count yourselves
dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

For Paul:

Christ is presently alive in each
of us.

If you are alive in Christ

Christ must be alive in you.

You can't say 'Christ was...'

You can only say 'Christ is...'

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**promotes a works-righteousness
mentality.**

John 14: 15 “If you love me, keep my commands.

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And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another advocate **to help you and be with you**
forever— **17** the Spirit of truth.

Saying 'Christ was...'

causes sin to linger.

Colossians 2: 21 “Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!”? 22 These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. 23 Such regulations indeed have an **appearance of wisdom**, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, **but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence.**

Satan's great lie:
the illusion of Godliness is as
good as the real thing.

Saying 'Christ is...'

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means you are invaded by the
person of Jesus.

Galatians 2: 20 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.

Faith is living with the
conviction
that Christ lives in me.

Saying 'Christ is...'

means I accept Jesus wants to
wreck my life.

Jesus wants to tear down your
townhouse completely
in order to construct a palace.

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