**Practicing Living by God’s life in a Troubled World (Scripture Verses are from the NIV unless otherwise noted)**

**Section 4) How is possible to achieve God’s high calling to be Christ-like—to love like God and do His works?**

**God’s solution ---God wants us to practice depending on Him by faith to live His life through us with our cooperation. God is a player coach and wants to bat with us!**

**Jesus lived by His Father’s life and allowed the Father to work through Him. Jesus shows us how to live abundantly. Here are some excerpts of His own words on how he did it.**

*John 14:10 …It is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work.*

*John 5:17 My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too, am working …*

*John 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father:… KJV*

**Likewise God is calling on us to depend on Jesus so His life and good works will be expressed through us.**

*John 6:57 Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.*

**God has given us His Holy Spirit who is our Paraclete. The word Advocate in the NIV bible translation is derived from the Greek word Parakletos. A Paraclete comes alongside us to do what we cannot. The Holy Spirit is our intercessor, comforter, consoler, advocate, counselor, teacher, our strength and helper.**

*John 14:26* *But the* ***Advocate****, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

**In addition the Apostles Paul and John wrote about this theme of God living through us.**

*Philippians 2:13 … for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

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

*Philippians 1:21* ***21****For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*

*Galatians 1:15-16* ***15****But when God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called me by his grace, was pleased****16****to reveal his Son in me…*

*1 John 4:4* ***4****You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*

*2Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

*2 Corinthians 3:5* ***5****Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; KJV*

*1 Corinthians 15:10* ***10****But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*

*1Corinthians 1:4 …for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ KJV*

*Philippians 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ …*

*Ephesian 5:18* ***18****Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,*

*John 15:5* ***5****“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

**As God’s child weaccess God’s life by faith. Grace is the flow of His life to us. Other words for faith are believing, trusting, confidence which leads to resting, yielding, and depending on God.**.

Colossians 2:6 …*just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him…*

*Romans 1:17 …* *The just shall live by faith.*

*Romans5:1-2**Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:* ***2****By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

**By faith we are led by God to trust Him to work through us to do the good works He has prepared for us to help others. The mature life is practicing being led by the Holy Spirit.**

*John 6:28-29* ***28****Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”* ***29****Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”*

*Ephesians 2:10 For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

*Romans 8:14* ***14****For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.*

*1 Corinthians 12:7* **7**Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

***It may seem basic to let Jesus live through us but we face much opposition from our sinful nature and satanic forces as we live out our lives in a trouble filled world. Yet, God can use these obstacles of our troubles, our sinful nature and satanic forces to move us to greater dependence on Him.***