

# Surrender

**“With Christ I hang upon the cross, and yet I am alive; or rather, not I; it is Christ that lives in me.”**

**Gal.2:19b-20**



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# DEDICATION



These series of the first 3 lessons  
are dedicated gratefully to  
Msgr. Archbishop Emeritus Nicholas Chia



## RECAP Of First Talk

- Human Desires : God' s Gift, Neither Good nor Bad.
- Admission of powerlessness over my own desires.
- Breaking the sin cycle by admission of defeat.
- Christian Paradox: Victory through Defeat!

# RECAP Of First Talk



Powerlessness does not mean helplessness:

- It means I now have the ability to make a choice.
- I can place myself under Jesus Christ.
- Powerlessness is not weakness; it is reality.
- The symbol of powerlessness is the cross of Jesus Christ.

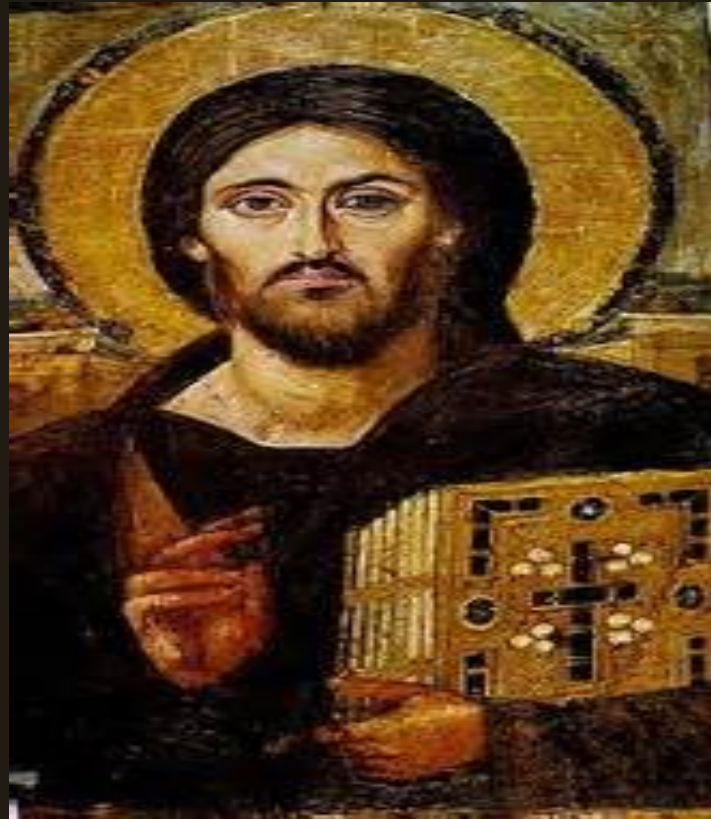


# The Solution



Surrender ... but

To Whom ?



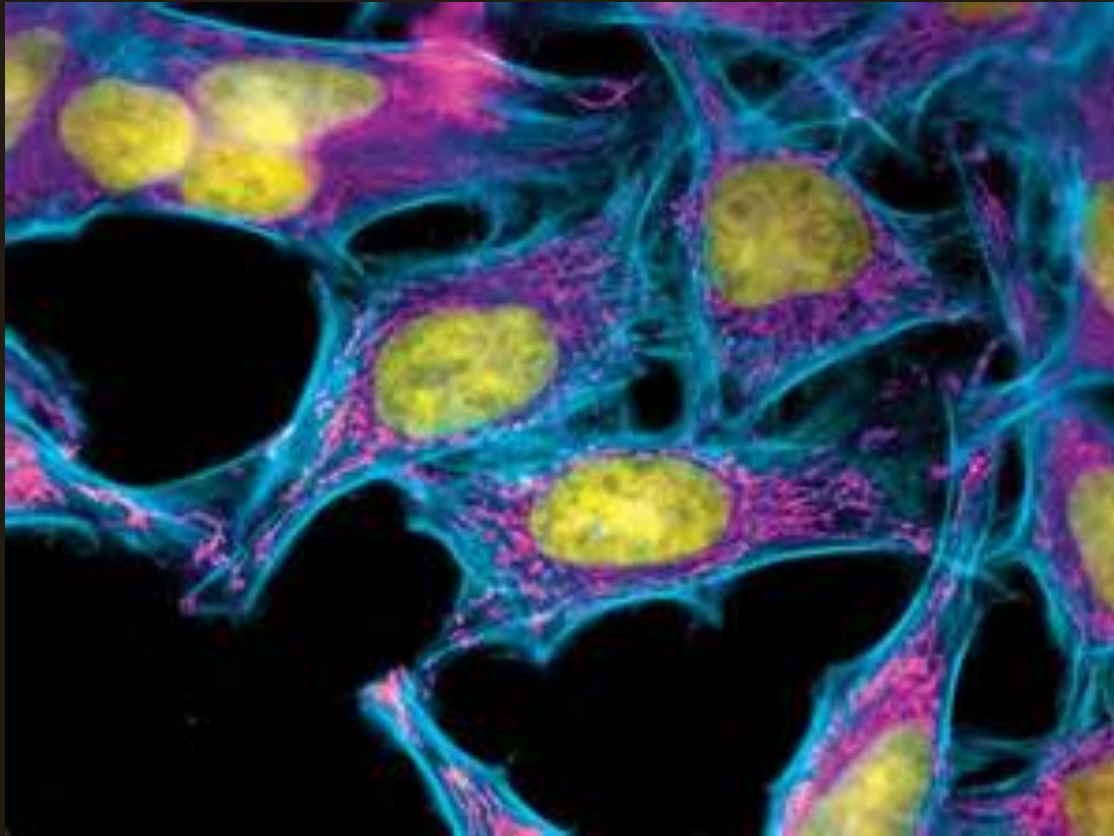
Christ – My Head



What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such a faith save them? ... Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds... You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did.

James 2: 14, 18, 22

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To my Cell Members

The Body of Christ! 1Cor.12:12-26



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1. Is a concrete action taken with another person, place or situation – **Important that active steps can be taken.**
2. Why? Because Christianity is an **encounter with the Jesus Christ!** It is not merely doctrine or liturgy about God.
3. Daily surrender, presupposes acknowledging that **I am not God** and that I need help (i.e. admitting our ways don't work).

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4. We cannot hand over our lives to a cell member whom we don't trust so we have to take a journey of surrender together to build that relationship.
5. Christianity is a `we` journey not an `I` program. It is incarnate not disembodied.

# The Journey of Surrender :

## Peace With God



1. We admitted we were powerless over our sins — that our lives had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that Jesus Christ could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to Jesus Christ.

# The Journey of Surrender – **Peace With Self**



4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another cell member the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.

# The Journey of Surrender:

## Peace With Others



8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

# The Journey of Surrender: **Nurturing the Peace**



11. Sought through prayer to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.

12. Having had a conversion as the result of this journey, we gave witness to others by continuing to practice these principles in our daily lives.



## The Signs of Surrender

- We are going to know a new freedom and a new happiness.
- We will not regret the past nor wish to shut the door on it.
- We will comprehend the word serenity and we will know peace.



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- No matter how far down the scale we have gone, we will see how our experience can benefit others. That feeling of uselessness and self-pity will disappear.
- We will lose interest in selfish things and gain interest in our fellows. Self-seeking will slip away. Our whole attitude and outlook upon life will change.





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- Fear of people and of economic insecurity will leave us. We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us.
- We will suddenly realize that God is doing for us what we could not do for ourselves.

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- Are these extravagant promises?

We think not. They are being fulfilled among us—sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly. They will always materialize if we work for them.



# Edwyn & Karen's Witness on the Signs of Surrender

# Prayer of Surrender



Jesus, I offer myself to Thee-  
To build with me  
and to do with me as Thou wilt.  
Relieve me of the bondage of self,  
that I may better do Thy will.  
Take away my difficulties,  
that victory over them may bear witness  
to those I would help of Thy Power,  
Thy Love, and Thy Way of life.  
May I do Thy will always! Amen!