

Living in Christ | Week #01

Substitution or Participation? | February 24th and 27th

What's the Issue Anyway?

We experience something powerful when people _____ in our lives.

We have a non-participation issue within _____.

_____ Atonement Theory has led to non-participation in the healing of our world.

What Wisdom does Scripture offer us?

The essence of Paul's Gospel was Christ _____ and _____.

"Christ Crucified" was a _____ of and _____ from the wisdom of this world. (1 Corinthians 1:18-2:8)

Christ as the "power of God" and the "wisdom of God" is _____ with "Christ Crucified" (1:23-24)

The _____ life of Jesus reveals God's power and wisdom at work, saving us from the wisdom of this world.

Christ crucified and risen revealed the way to _____ life in Christ. (Galatians 2:19-20)

_____ embodied and displayed this spiritual mystery of internal death and resurrection. (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11)

Paul understood himself as having undergone a personal _____ transplant.

Don't Miss This

Living in Christ is daily _____ to die and rise with Christ.

What about my everyday, peacemaking life?

Participatory atonement is a _____ life not a salvation moment.

"Sacrifice" and "Dying for" is the language of radical _____ and _____ for someone or something.

Participate in Christ's death and resurrection through _____.

Choose your own _____ Adventure.

Begin Lent with _____, a symbol of our desire to participate in the death and resurrection of Christ.

How does this make me a better person and the world a better place?

Living in Christ reveals the unimaginable, indescribable, inconceivable _____ of God in our world.

What is God inviting you into today?

1. I am interested in being baptized on Palm Sunday (April 10).
2. Sign me up for the Digital Discussion Group for Lent.
3. I will choose my own adventure for Lent.

Questions to explore privately or in a group:

1. Think about a time when someone participated with you in your joy or suffering. How did that make you feel? How did you show your appreciation or gratitude?
2. Has anyone ever made a tremendous sacrifice for your benefit? How did that impact your life?
3. Have you ever given much thought to the theory of Jesus as a punitive substitute? Is the idea of a God requiring blood sacrifice for forgiveness consistent with the image of God Jesus gives us? Why or why not?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:17-2:9. Where do you see the wisdom of the world (violence, domination systems, etc.) at work around us today? What does the wisdom of God look like in the world around us?
5. What is something you would like to experience with God this Lent season? What resource will you use as a guide?

