

Study Guide

Study Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 5.17, 1 Corinthians 12.13

Walking in Daily Recovery with Christ

Stage 3 – Community in Christ – Baptized in the Body

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Review: Walking in daily recovery from sin with Christ is the ongoing process of living through the three stages of **transformation**.

Reflection: Has anyone looked at my life and said, ‘Because of your faith in Christ, you’re not the same person you used to be?’

Stage I – Conversion: ‘... if anyone is **in Christ Jesus...**’

Focus: Reconciliation with God

Three steps:

1. **Recognize** you are a sinner who practice sin (conviction)
2. **Repent** from sin and turn to Christ by faith (rebirth)
3. **Rely** on Christ to grow in His image (maturity)

Takeaway: Stage I – Conversion: You **recognize** you are a sinner and that your sins offend God. You **repent** of your sin and place your faith in Christ and **rely** on Him to transform your life to reflect His image.

Stage II – Christlike: ‘...he is a **new creation**’

Focus: Transformation of the Mind (Colossians 3.10)

Three Steps:

1. **Remove** your old pattern of thinking
2. **Renew** your mind by God’s word
3. **Replace** old thoughts with new thoughts in Christ

Takeaway: Stage II – Christlike: You continually recover from your sins when you transform your mind to think like Christ by **removing** your old thoughts, **renewing** your mind by **replacing** your old thoughts with the new thoughts.

Stage III: Community in Christ – Baptized in the Body

Focus: Belonging with One Another (1 Corinthians 12.13)

1. By one Spirit = God himself brings a person into salvation; this is not just a human action or ritual.

2. Baptized into one body = your new life in Christ is not lived alone; it is lived in relationship with Jesus and in community with others who follow Him.
3. Whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free...= ethnic cultural differences do not determine belonging, neither social status determine your value or your place in the body of Christ.

Reflection: Name five ways you are committed to the Body of Christ.

Application: Baptize into the Body

1. A place to _____ – ‘...We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.’ Romans 12.5

Reflection: Do I truly feel connected to the body of Christ, and am I building meaningful relationships with other believers?

2. A place for _____ – ‘Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.’ James 5.16

Reflection: Do I have a place to go to confess my sins, feel safe, secure, and strengthen?

3. A place for _____ – ‘Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give account.’ Hebrews 13.17

Reflection: Give example of you allowing correction and guidance for spiritual growth and maturity in Christ.

4. A place for _____ – ‘The believers worshiped together with gladness and sincere hearts.’ Acts 2.46-47

Reflection: How often do I join with other followers in prayer, and studying God’s word?

5. A place to _____ and _____ – ‘All the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.’ Acts 2.43

Reflection: Give examples of your generosity in sharing your money and giving your time to use your gifts to serve in ministry?

Takeaway: Stage III – Community: You belong to the body and commit to the leadership and other followers to support you in your recovery from sin and transformation in Christ.