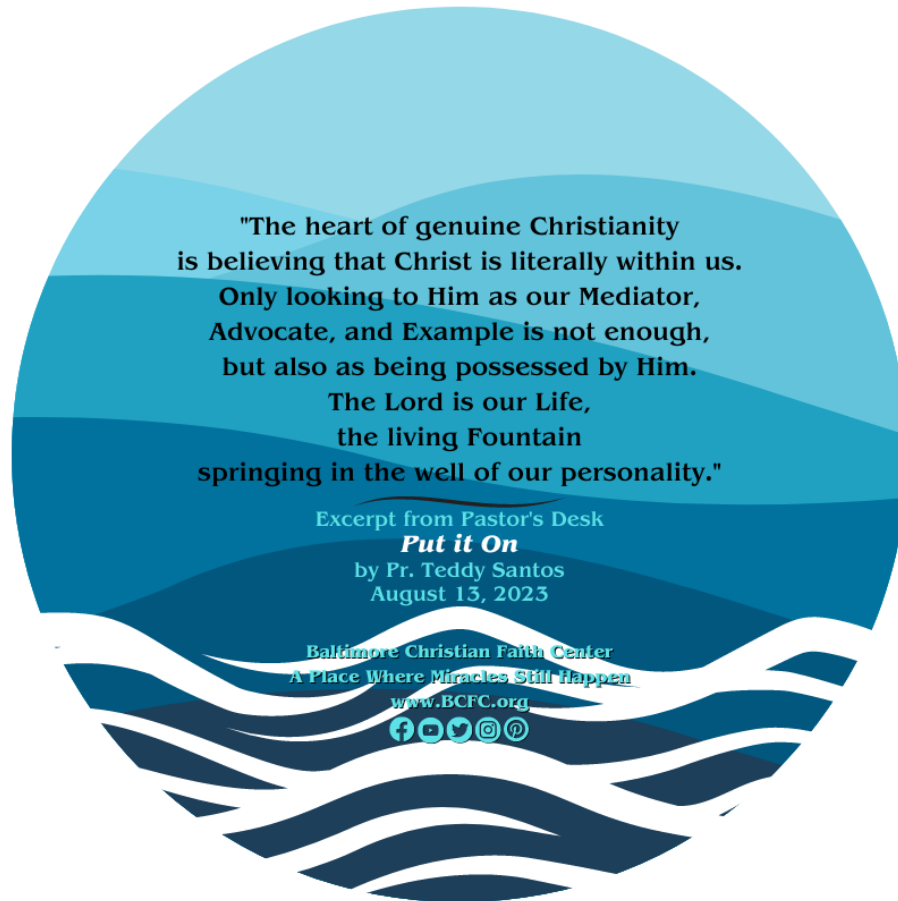


PUT IT ON

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Galatians 2:20 *"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

The heart of genuine Christianity is believing that Christ is literally within us. Only looking to Him as our Mediator, Advocate, and Example is not enough, but also as being possessed by Him. The Lord is our Life, the living Fountain springing in the well of our personality. The Apostle Paul was never tired of re-affirming these remarkable experiences, and it would be fantastic if each of us could say before starting our daily duty: "Jesus is in me; let me make room for Him to today."

Saying no to self is necessary so that Christ's life may manifest in and through us. When wicked suggestions come to us, we must remember that we have joined a world where such things have no place. We are no longer in the domain of the god of this world but have crossed into the realm of the Risen Christ.

Eph 6:13-17 describes the armor of the Christian; in **Col 3:12-14** the routine or clothing they wear beneath their coat. We must be careful to be dressed appropriately each day. If we lose our cool over sillinesses or render frugal speech, it reveals we have forgotten to put on love.

When we fail, we have overlooked putting on some trait of Christ, which was intended to complement our needs. May we, therefore, day by day say: "Lord Jesus, wrap Yourself around me, so I could go forth, adequately outfitted to meet life's demands. In Your Holy Name, amen."

At His service,
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