

Week Three: Responding Alive in Christ

Here we are at the end of the third week, halfway through *Irresistible Invitation: Responding to the Extravagant Heart of God*. This week, it's important to keep in mind that we're responsible for what we know. If you've been reading that there's more to this Christian walk than you've been experiencing, you can no longer plead ignorance. It's up to you to accept God's irresistible invitation to a new kind of life.

Since we worship an extraordinary God, our lives should be anything but ordinary. But it's not all God's doing; we have to partner with him in the work. This week's readings focused on becoming alive in Christ by allowing the Holy Spirit to take up residence in our hearts. Remember that there's a difference between following Jesus and being *in Christ*.

Being in Christ means fulfilling a calling that only you can carry out. It means supernatural guidance, peace, love, forgiveness, joy, and all the other things that we'll miserably fail at if we go it alone. The good news, however, is that God really is right there, ready to offer it all.

Once we become aware of the ways that God is always at work around us, we may wonder why it took us so long to notice. So are you finding God's love to be extravagant indeed? Have you given the ho-hum life the boot?

Coming up next week: Fit for Kingdom Living