

INTRODUCTION

Hi.

My name is Dick Moes. I am the pastor of the Surrey Covenant Reformed Church in Surrey, British Columbia. Three years ago, I enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry Program at ACTS Seminaries in Langley, British Columbia. The program focused on Spiritual Formation and Leadership. This past June, I finished my ninth and last course. Thus, all my course work is now completed. What remains is completing a dissertation project. It is for this project that I ask your assistance.

The dissertation will be called *Cultivating a God-Generated Life: Living with Christ in God through the Holy Spirit*. Sometime during the past five-year period, a transition took place in my life. I began to understand and experience in a way I had never understood and experienced before what Jesus meant when He said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). In addition, texts like, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20), “For you have died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3), “To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27) and “But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit” (1 Corinthians 6:17) took on new meaning for me. Moreover, I noticed that the more I intentionally lived with Christ in God through the Holy Spirit by being receptive to God’s love in Christ, the more He was working out his life in and through me. The fruit of the Spirit began to manifest themselves in my life as never before. My relationship with my wife and children became more Christlike. I focused less on doing and more on being that leads to doing, experiencing a tremendous rest in my soul. I drew the conclusion that I was now living with Christ in God in a way that I had never known or experienced before.

Reading through some of the books that have appeared recently, I noticed that I was not alone in my experience. People like Dallas Willard and Larry Crabb has written about a similar experience.

What is your experience? In order to find out, I invite you to fill out the questionnaire. I have tried to address not just one aspect of a person, but the whole person. Thus, the first question is an affective one focusing on your feelings. The second is a cognitive one focusing on your thinking. The third is a volitional one focusing on your will. The fourth is a behavioral question focusing on your conduct. The questions are in groups of four. This means that each set of four questions is investigating how you feel, think, desire and act with regard to each of the 10 topics to be introduced and discussed in the 10-week learning experience you are about to embark on. You have four options. (1) Y = yes (2) N = no (3) S = sometimes or somewhat (4) U = unsure.

Thanks for your participation.

**CULTIVATING A GOD-GENERATED LIFE: LIVING WITH CHRIST IN GOD
THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT**

First Questionnaire

	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>U</i>
1. The Christian faith feels more like a distant relationship to me than an intimate one.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Intimate union with God is the heart of the Christian faith.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. I would like to learn to live in union with God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I live in intimate union with God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Sometimes I do not feel the presence of God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. God wants to enter your life with his love.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. I would like to learn to surrender every dimension of my life to God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. I surrender every dimension of my life to God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. It feels as if my Christian faith is more self-generated than God-generated.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. Faith is being receptive to God's love in Jesus Christ.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. I want to learn how to be more receptive to God's love in Jesus Christ.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. I daily receive God's love in Jesus Christ.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13. I feel close to God when I visualize his love in Jesus Christ in mental images.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. God communicates his love in Jesus Christ visually.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. I would like to learn to visualize God's love in Jesus Christ better.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. I often visualize God's love in Jesus Christ in mental images.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. I experience the Christian faith more as a private relationship than as a public one.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. God's love given in Jesus Christ radiates into every sphere of life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19. I want to learn to radiate God's love given in Jesus Christ better.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20. I radiate God's love given in Jesus Christ into every sphere of my life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
21. It feels as if the Christian faith is more about right beliefs and right living than about increasingly discovering more of what it means to live in union with God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
22. The Christian faith is about increasingly discovering more of what it means to live in union with God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
23. I would like to learn to discover more about what it means to live in union with God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
24. I daily discover more of what it means to live in union with God.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
25. It feels as if the only hope I have to offer the world is the gospel of forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
26. Jesus is the presence of God's hope for the world.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
27. I would like to learn how to be the presence of God's hope in Jesus Christ for the world better.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
28. The hope I offer the world is the presence of God in Jesus Christ.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Y	N	S	U
29. I feel I place more emphasis on what Christ did <i>for</i> me than what He does <i>in</i> me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
30. The gospel is Christ living in us through the Holy Spirit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
31. I would like to learn to experience more of Christ living in me through the Holy Spirit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
32. I daily experience Christ living in me through the Holy Spirit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
33. I feel I do not pray enough to be filled with the Holy Spirit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
34. Conformity to Jesus Christ involves living in union with God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
35. I would like to learn more about how living in union with God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit conforms me more to Jesus Christ.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
36. Every day I pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
37. I feel I do not remind myself of the presence of God in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit enough.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
38. The starting point of the Christian life is resting with Christ in God through the Holy Spirit.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
39. I would like to learn to rest with Christ in God through the Holy Spirit more.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
40. I remind myself of the presence of God in Christ through the Holy Spirit every day.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>