



CATALYST
VINEYARD CHURCH

**Sunday
Life Groups**
Fall 2020

The background is a deep purple with a pattern of stylized masquerade masks and gold streamers. The word "INTEGRITY" is written in large, bold, gold letters with a blue outline and a drop shadow effect.

INTEGRITY

Choosing to be truthful in
whatever you say and do

Making
generosity
simple...



CATALYST



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WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE

Message Four: You Must Surrender

You are God's masterpiece!



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*For we are God's **masterpiece**.
He has **created** us anew in Christ Jesus,
so we can do the **good things**
he **planned** for us long ago.*

Ephesians 2: 10 NLT



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*You are **broken!***



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*Have **mercy** on me, O God,
because of your **unfailing love**; ...
For I recognize my **rebellion** (brokenness),
it **haunts** me day and night.
Against you, and **you alone**, have I sinned;
I have done what is **evil** in your sight. ...
For I was **born** a sinner (**broken**) -
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.*

Psalm 51: 1a, 3-4a & 5 NLT



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*You are **chosen!***



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*For **consider** what he (**God**) has **done** -
before the foundation of the world
he **chose us** to become,
in Christ (Jesus),
his holy and **blameless** (innocent) **children**
living within his constant care (**in love**).*

Ephesians 1: 4 PHILLIPS



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*Everyone is invited
to discover their identity ...*



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IN CHRIST



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There is no phrase or formula which occurs with greater frequency in the New Testament than this, "in Christ."

It sometimes varies in translations when "by" and "through" and "with" are used, and sometimes in the original text it changes in form, e.g. "in Christ Jesus," "in him," etc., but in all the 200 times of its occurrence the principle is the same. In the whole range of Christian dogma there is nothing more expressive, and yet nothing less understood and appreciated.

T. Austin-Sparks: In Christ (1931)



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*Are you **in Christ** (Jesus)?*



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not a fan.

COMPLETELY. COMMITTED. FOLLOWER

*Jesus said to **all his followers**,*
*“ If you truly **desire** to be my **disciple** (come after me),*
*you must **disown** (deny) your **life** (self) completely,*
***embrace** (take up) my ‘**cross**’ as your own (daily),*
*and **surrender** to my ways (follow me).*
*For if you choose **self-sacrifice** (lay down your life),*
*giving up (**losing**) your **lives** for my glory,*
*you will **embark** on a **discovery***
*of more and more of **true life** (i.e. True ID).*

Luke 9: 23-24a TPT



*But if you **choose** to keep (**save**) your **lives** or yourself,
you will **lose** what you **try to keep**.*

*Even if you **gained**
all the **wealth** and **power** of this **world**,
everything it could **offer** you,
yet you **lost** your soul (**soulprint**)
in the process, what good is that?*

*So why then are you **ashamed** of being **my disciple**?*

*Are you ashamed of the **revelation-truth** I give you?*

Luke 9: 24b-26 TPT



JOHN 3: 16

LUKE 9: 23



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*Christ says, "Give me **all**.
I don't want so much of your **time**
and so much of your **money**
and so much of your **work**; I want **you**.
I have not come to **torment** your natural self, but to **kill it**.
No **half measures** are any good.
I don't want to **cut off** a branch **here** and a branch **there**.
I want to have the **whole tree down**.
I don't want to **drill** the tooth, or **crow**n it, or **stop** it,
but to have it **out**.*

C. S. Lewis: *Mere Christianity* (1952)



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*When Christ **calls** a man,
he bids (**invites**) him
“**come and die.**”*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
The Cost of Discipleship
1937



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*Therefore,
if anyone is **in Christ** (surrendered to Jesus),
the **new creation** (person) has come:
The **old** (life) has gone, the **new** (life) is here!
All this is (a **gift**) from **God**,
who **reconciled** us to himself **through Christ** (Jesus)
and gave us the **ministry** (task) of **reconciliation**:
That God was reconciling the **world** to himself **in Christ**,
not counting people's sins against them.
We are therefore Christ's **ambassadors**, ...*

2 Corinthians 5: 17-20a NIV



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3 QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1. How far off **were** (or are) **you** when God **called you** to follow? What did God use to **draw you**?
2. What kind of **relationship** does Jesus want to have with us? What are his **terms** to “follow”?
3. What does the statement: “There can be no **John 3: 16** without **Luke 9: 23**” mean to you?



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