

Am I in sync with God, belonging to Him, walking with Him or am I in sync with the world and making myself God's enemy?

Rom 1:6 You also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. NIV

Jam 4:4 ...Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

What desires of my human nature are common to the world, what would be better desires?

To feel important, or finding the freedom of un-importance so that God can be important.

1 Cor 3:7 Those who plant or water aren't important, but God is important... NLT

To be liked and wanted by people, despite their often bad influence over me, or to be truly loved, wanted and kept by God so that, by Him, I can impart God to otherwise lost people.

1 Pet 3:4 Let it be the hidden person of the heart, the incorruptible beauty of a meek and quiet spirit, which is of great value in the sight of God.

Luke 19:10 (Jesus) The Son of Man has come to seek and to save those who are lost.

To be of value to people in a natural way, and getting well paid confirms to me that I am. Or being of value to God and discovering that knowing Him and doing His will satisfies me.

John 15:5 (Jesus) Apart from Me (not living in Me) you can do nothing (I'm of no value)

2 Cor 9:8 God is able to make all grace abound toward you, so that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, will abound in every good work (I'm of value)

Prov 19:23 The fear of the Lord (Jesus) is life and whoever has it (Him) lives satisfied;

To feel adequate among people, even if I have to create a false self-image to do it, or truly accepting my inadequacy but finding perfect adequacy as I live in Christ's adequacy.

2 Cor 3:5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves but our sufficiency (and our adequacy for life and eternity) is from God,

Col 2:10 You are complete in Christ...(I will never find it anywhere or in anyone else).

When do I become free from all these wants of my human nature? Be baptized into Christ:

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

The word baptized means to be totally immersed. Christianity is not merely being born again by believing our past sins were forgiven, but being totally immersed into the sin-free, eternally secure life of Jesus Christ. Where is that life? It is in our hearts or spirits and it gets there with each living word of God, Jesus, which we believe. But while after being born again Jesus, God's living word, has begun to live in us, we have not yet been baptized into, immersed into, and are not yet living in Him. When are we so immersed into Christ? When we yield to the full control of our will, our soul, by God's Holy Spirit.

Christ in me, the life and nature of God living in my heart or spirit, but me not yet in Him:

Luke 17:21 (Jesus) ...**The kingdom of God is within you** (in your heart or spirit – how?).

Matt 13:19 (Jesus) **When anyone hears** (and heart believes) **the word of the kingdom**

Col 3:16 **Let the word of Christ live in you richly in all wisdom...**

Eph 3:17 **So that Christ may live in your hearts through faith...**(by words you believe)

Me in Christ, my will or soul being moved by God from the control of self to His full control:

Rom 8:9 (To Christians) **You do not live as your human nature tells you to; instead,**
TEV **you live as the Spirit tells you to — if, in fact, God's Spirit lives in your** (heart).
Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him (but to self)

Gal 5:16 **But I say, walk and live habitually in the Holy Spirit, responsive to and**
AMP **controlled and guided by the Spirit; then you will certainly not gratify the**
cravings and desires of the flesh, of human nature without God. (Immersed)

Without being controlled by His Spirit, which is living in Christ, all I have is feeble religion:

Col 2:23 **These things have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false**
humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against our indulgence
of our human nature (religion won't save me from sin or change my sinful nature).

Me being kept in Christ and therefore my soul or will saved from my sinful human nature

Pro 15:15 **...Those who have a happy heart have a continual feast** (on God's word).
(by my listening to live teaching and feeding on His words at every opportunity)

Isa 27:2-3 **A vineyard** (Christians) **of red wine** (of the Holy Spirit)! **I, the LORD, keep it,**
I water it (I lead it) **every moment; Lest any hurt it, I keep it night and day.**

Isa 58:11 **The LORD will guide you continually...**(a total immersion in Christ – how?)

Pro 3:6 MSGE **...I Listen to God's voice in everything I do and everywhere I go.**

Rom 8:16 TLB **The Holy Spirit speaks to me deep within my heart** (in my spirit, not head)

Rom 12:2 **Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God conform**
NLT **you into a new person by changing the way you think** (by His words and
His Spirit in your heart). **Then you will know what God wants you to do...**

To stay separated from sin to God and made more like Christ is to be sanctified and saved

2 Thess 2:13 **...Because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through**
sanctification by the Spirit and (your) belief of the truth (His living words),

If I'm not sanctified and I don't teach born again Christians the truth of sanctification, then I will leave them controlled by their sin nature, hence unsaved and so likely to miss eternity.