

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 crown it, or stop it, but to have it out. Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked – the whole outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own [life] will shall become yours.'

The terrible thing, the almost impossible thing, is to hand over your whole self – all your wishes and precautions – to Christ. But it is far easier than what we are all trying to do instead. For what we are trying to do is to remain what we call 'ourselves', to keep personal happiness as our great aim in life, and yet at the same time to be 'good'. We are all trying to let mind and heart go their own way – centred on money or pleasure or ambition – and hoping, in spite of this, to behave honestly and chastely and humbly. And that is exactly what Christ warned us you could not do.

–C.S. Lewis

... the Church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs....It is even doubtful, you know, whether the whole universe was created for any other purpose.

-C.S. Lewis

Three Longings of the Human Heart

The Blessed Life

Core Longing:
"Make Life Work"
Self:
Entitled/Managed Life
God:
Cooperating God
Prayers:
"In my name & for my glory"

Birth Rebirth

Pain

The Healed Life

Core Longing:
"Relieve me of my pain"
Self:
Wounded Life
God:
Therapeutic God
Prayers:
Manipulative Prayers
(to use God instead of relate to Him)

Broken

The Abundant Life

Core Longing:
"My deepest joy is in Christ"
Self:
Surrendered Soul
God:
Thoroughly committed to making me a little Christ
Prayers:
"In Christ's name & for His glory"