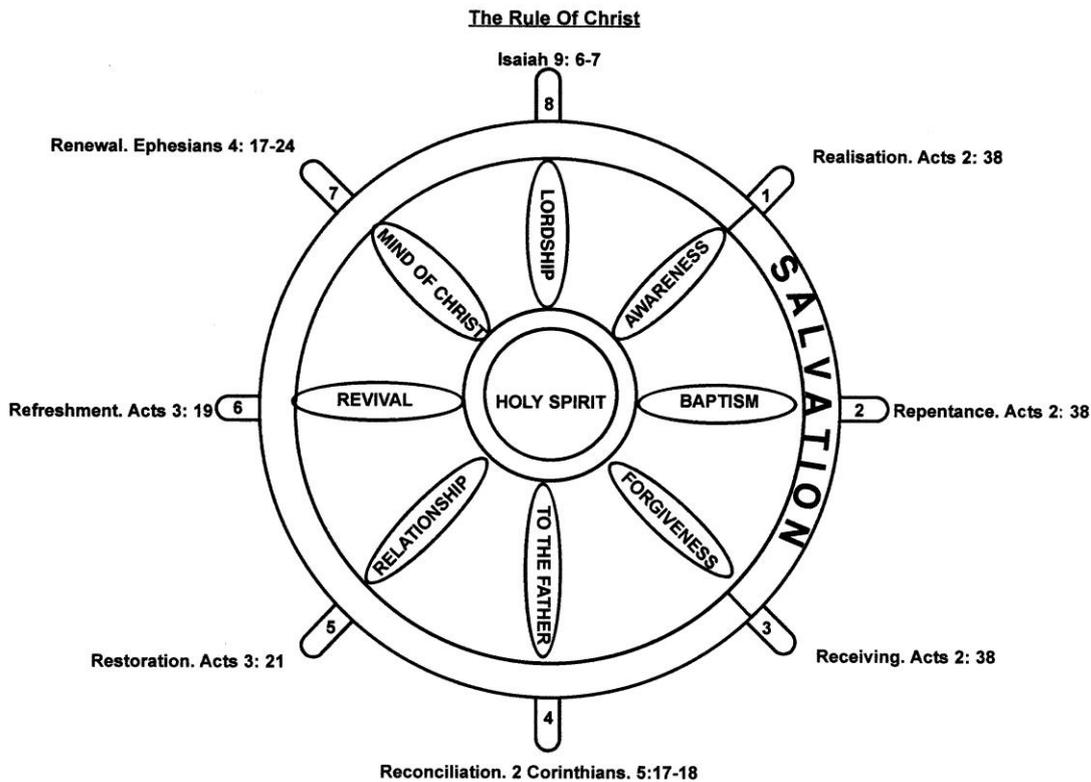


The Helm of Christ. Christ's Way



There is a strategy that continues through the believer's life, it will cause the growth that is necessary for us to go on to maturity. Look at the Helm of Life picture. There are seven steps that we will find necessary if we are to grow into the fullness of Christ, the seven R's will enable us to increase the rule of Christ in our spiritual lives.

1 Realisation - Awareness.

Acts 2 v 38

Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2 Repentance - Baptism.

Acts 2 v 38

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See also **Revelation chapters 2 and 3**. The Church may have to repent of things exposed.

3 Receiving - Forgiveness - and the Holy Spirit.

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4 Reconciliation - To the Father - the believer's ministry.

2 Corinthians 5 v 17-18

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

5 Restoration - Relationship - the historic promise.

Acts 3 v 21

...whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.

6 Refreshment - Revival - the reward of obedience.

Acts 3 v 19

Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

7. Renewal - the mind of Christ - transformed thinking.

Romans 12 v 1-3

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.

Ephesians 4 v 17-24

So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. But you did not learn Christ in this way, if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

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8. The Rule of Christ - Lordship.

Isaiah 9 v 6-7

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

Will we have an increasing rule in our lives? Peace comes after war ends. There will be no end to Christ's rule in the believer's lives. Jesus is either Lord of all or He is not Lord at all!

Jesus said in **Matthew 7 v 20-23**

So then, you will know them by their fruits. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

Dead things do not grow. Roots of righteousness are what God's vision is for me and you. The Helm of Life is our daily guide. It will not be redundant until He has perfected us.

1 Thessalonians 5v 23

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.