

“Mere Christianity” by C.S. Lewis Book 4 – Beyond Personality, Chapter 8: “Is Christianity Hard Or Easy?”

Putting on Christ is the whole of Christianity.

An Idea of Christianity:

Wrong: Things we want to do but must give up.

Right: Things we do not want to do but must.

Result of this thinking is 1. We give up 2. We are unhappy.

Have you been in this trap of the idea and way of thinking of Christianity?

Christ says he wants the whole you, not just a portion. What does this mean?

Hard: “Take up your Cross.”

Easy: “My yoke. Is easy and my burden light.”

An egg must be hatched or go bad.

The church exists for nothing else but to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs.

John 6:44 - “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: “They will all be taught by God.” Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.”

Chapter 9: “Counting The Cost”

Christ said: “Be ye perfect.”

What do you think he meant by this?

2 Sam 22:31 “As for God, his way is perfect.”

Ps 19:7 “The law of the Lord is perfect...”

Mt 19:21 “Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

Col 1:28 “We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.”

Jesus is working to make us perfect, sculpting us to perfection. How have you felt the Sculptor’s hands?