

Foreword

There are few things quite so boring as being religious, but there is nothing quite so exciting as being a Christian!

Most folks have never discovered the difference between the one and the other, so that there are those who sincerely try to live a life they do not have, substituting religion for God, Christianity for Christ, and their own noble endeavors for the energy, joy, and power of the Holy Spirit. In the absence of reality, they can only grasp at ritual, stubbornly defending the latter in the absence of the former, lest they be found with neither!

They are lamps without oil, cars without gas, and pens without ink, baffled at their own impotence in the absence of all that alone can make man functional; for man was so engineered by God that the presence of the Creator within the creature is indispensable to His humanity. Christ gave Himself for us to give Himself to us! His presence puts God back into the man! He came that we might have life—God's life!

There are those who have a life they never live. They have come to Christ and thanked Him only for what He did, but do not live in the power of who He is. Between the Jesus who "was" and the Jesus who "will be" they live in a spiritual vacuum, trying with no little zeal to live for Christ a life that only He can live in and through them, perpetually begging for what in Him they already have!

It is to those who try to live a life they do not have, and to those who have a life they do not live that Bob George addresses himself in these pages, vividly illustrated out of his own personal experience and that of those with whom he has counseled. Here is the truth that sets men free. This is where "the rubber hits the road," a book full of spiritual insight and common sense, enjoyable and easy-to-read. I am convinced that many, heartily sick of the "rat race," will in reading these pages find in the Lord Jesus Christ the final answer to their need.

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