

AS HE IS, SO ARE WE IN THIS WORLD

1 John 4:17

Nine monosyllables. Just nine little words in the simplest possible form of speech. It is part of the genius of the Bible that the profoundest concepts are often conveyed in the simplest of ways.

1. The Plan: As He is!

A . A transformed life. (Christ's incarnation changed the mode of His life. He is now, forever, the man Christ Jesus)

A. A triumphant life. We can trace the Lord's constant victories.

2. The Pledge: So Are We!

A. A transformed life. (As Christ took our kind of life, so we take His)

B. A triumphant life (We can be victorious too.)

3. The Place: In this World!

God wants us to live the Christ-life here and now

Illustration: Read the story of Elijah and Elisha in 2 Kings 2. Elisha wanted a double portion of Elijah's spirit. He fulfilled the condition and obtained what he desired. Then we have a man in the glory and a man on earth. The man on earth is living the life of the man in the glory, and as a result he does ever greater works than the man now in the glory had done when he had been on earth.

John 14:12

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even **greater things** than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.