

# To Live Is Christ - Full Length

by K.P. Yohannan

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of living a life that pleases God, being conformed to the image of Christ, and being willing to sacrifice and give our lives for the sake of others.*

**Duration:** 46:17

**Scripture:** Matthew 6:33, Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45, Luke 19:10, Acts 20:24, Romans 12:2, 1 John 3:16

**Topics:** "Jesus Christ"

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares a personal encounter with a frail and humble village woman who radiated the love of Jesus. The woman, who had six sons, revealed to the speaker that she was on earth for a purpose - to fulfill her father's plan. The speaker then recounts a story of a young Christian who questioned why those who knew the Bible so well still lived lives filled with strife and worldly desires. The Lord's response was that they spent time with the Bible but lacked true transformation. The speaker also highlights the urgency of reaching the lost and emphasizes the need for families to come together and discuss the plight of those suffering in the world. The sermon concludes with a story of two brothers who preached the gospel to Muslims and were initially met with kindness, but the true intentions of the men were not as they seemed.

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## Transcript

Gospel for Asia presents To Live is Christ with K.P.

Yohannan President and Founder of Gospel for Asia International Speaker and Author of over 150 Books  
We now join K.P. as he shares the Word of God with a local congregation I want us to read a Bible verse from 1 John Chapter 1 Verse 6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did and that scripture in the Living Bible reads like this Anyone who says he is a Christian should live as Christ did Isn't that simple?

If I say and I know I say this I believe in Jesus I am his follower then I am told Ok, wonderful you are saying that but would you make this decision choose to live as my son lived it says in 1 John 4 as he was in the world so are we now in this world you know there is a lot of talk about predestination the only predestination that I can find is in Romans 8 it says we are predestined that we may be conformed to the image of his son that is true predestination so next time somebody fight about it you tell them that I heard a little chorus long ago now when I say long ago don't think I am an old old man although I am old I was 18 or 19 years old that is a long time ago let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me all his wonders, compassion

and purity O thou the spirit divine all my nature refine

let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me all that sound very nice and spiritual but I ask the question but how am I going to become like Jesus what is Jesus like and I think it is very plain and simple Jesus lived his life constantly always perpetually with eternal perspective in mind he said I am not trying to be the king here this is not my kingdom this is not what I am about I am here for a short time and I am here for a purpose that is to accomplish the plan of my father and he had always that on his mind a friend of mine when he was a young Christian seeing the carnality in the older Christians preachers and bible teachers who were loving money and position and power and jealousy and strife and unforgiveness and living for the things of the world and he went to God and cried out and

said father why is it that people that know the bible so much they memorize it, they can quote the scripture they know all the doctrines father why is it their life is so like this full of strife and jealousy and all these other things he says the Lord spoke to his heart and said son they spend time with the bible they don't spend time with me then he made a statement to me an older brother he said my brother I have an advice for you if you want to know God you love Jesus and study him and imitate him and if you want to be smart and famous and so full of knowledge then you study the bible weird eh? yet how true it is yes the bible, the learning, the knowledge should help me to love him more intimately and follow him with all my heart but often it don't happen so what is Jesus like? son of

man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and give his life as a ransom for others I came he said not to seek nothing for myself son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost Christ's life was always continually a life that lived out for others and not for himself so all day working but then night in so sleeping he will pray all night because next day he must touch the lepers and heal the sick and preach the gospel and help those who are lost and find them so he said as a father send me I am sending you also some of you may remember the name Keith Green anyone remember his name? he was a strange character some people think a dear friend who went to be with the Lord he wrote many songs and he sang and I don't do that but in one of his songs these words are very powerful

do you see do you see all the people singing down don't you care don't you care are you going to let them drown how can you be so numb not to care if they come you close your eyes and pretend the job is done oh bless me Lord bless me Lord you know it is all I ever hear no one hurt no one ate no one even sheds one tear it is bless me bless me bless me in one of my meetings some years ago somewhere in the United States a lady came to me after the meeting and said would you please pray for me I said may I know madam what you want me to pray about she said I got a demon of smoke would you lay your hand on me and cast out the demon of smoke I mean that's a I mean that's the first time in my life I ever heard anything like that so I kind of got shocked so I said madam demons yes you can cast

out but not the flesh you crucify the flesh and the desires of the flesh she got confused we blame the devil for all kind of things devil is bad ok I understand that but the poor devil get blamed for everything under the sun the church is so totally disobedient in picking up the cross and willing to lay down their life like Amy Carmichael Jetson and thousands who march the way of the cross and were martyred instead of committing of life or sacrifice and death we blame the devil for the whole world going to hell devil is bad I admit but I am telling you something your enemy my enemy more than you realize is not the devil it is our own self centeredness yes and Jesus came not only to save me from my sin and hell but during my life in this pilgrimage to set me free from my own self

centeredness but in the measure which I allow him he can do the job and there is a world out there that Jesus is saying as the father send me you go and you be my hands, my ears my nose, my heart my feelings, my tears you be the one to call them to the father but do we listen to that? ah no we say I have taken care of myself, I want to be blessed and after this, that, that and we kind of shove it off not taking the pain, the anguish of the cross to touch the lost world a letter came to me some years ago from the mission field my wife brought it to me and said would you please read this and I was sitting in my office in Dallas in a comfortable chair I finished reading the letter, I was weeping on my knees letter came from a dear brother a native missionary the work in Hardwar by river

Ganges during that couple of weeks time, 35 million Hindus walked and traveled by train and bullock carts and buses from all over the country to go in this dirty polluted waters of river Ganges washing themselves for the forgiveness of sins this one missionary walking among this people telling about Jesus one evening he was coming home and now in the letter he writes the experience what happened that evening he said I saw this young woman sitting by the bank of the river weeping uncontrollably and pounding upon my chest knowing something so terrible happened I went to her and asked why are you weeping, what happened she replied my husband is sick he can't work anymore my sins are so many that nobody knows about, to find forgiveness for my sins and solution to the problems of my home, I

have given the best offering I can give to goddess Ganges my only son my 6 month old baby boy, I just threw him into the river next paragraph I sat beside her explained her the gospel her sins are forgiven 2000 years ago I explained her that God is not angry with her God didn't make her poor he writes I explained the gospel to her all the sudden she wiped her tears and looked straight into my eyes and said these words didn't you come to me half hour sooner I didn't have to kill my child I never heard this before but why didn't you come to me half hour sooner she went back crying again now I was on my knees saying Jesus I surrender every drop of my blood, every fiber of my being my wife, my children, all that I am for 2 billion people like her crying out why why and Lord till the last

second of my journey I will want to give myself to see those people reached with the gospel I find my own self-centeredness becoming the hindrance from doing what Jesus asked me to do and to be like him one of the first places I went to serve God when I was a youngster was a place called Boondi in the northwest of India hard stones, difficult Hindus 7 brothers and myself with Bibles and tracts and Gospels with our old beat up vehicle we went to this place we got beaten up very bad without mercy we were beaten one brother blood began to ooze down from the beating we had to leave the place some years went by a young brother from one of the Bible schools a 19 year old young brother after finishing his studies said to our leaders Jesus want me to go to Boondi they said you are little

fellow you are only 19 years old Boondi is a dangerous place you don't go he said but I prayed the whole year Jesus want me to go to Boondi the senior brother said son are you sure Jesus told you to go to Boondi he said yes then you please go he went to Boondi rented a place for about 5 dollars a month after a few nights in the middle of the night someone came and busted the door open and he found himself surrounded by 6-7 men one tall Rajput with turban on his head pulled this brother up by his leg skinny brother and said you young fellow tomorrow you leave this place if you stay here we can tear you apart like we do with a chicken we don't want your God we got plenty of Gods and Goddesses here tonight we will not kill you but tomorrow you leave this place he got scared and I would too

and you would too next morning he took the first bus and the train and ran back to the mission station and told the brothers trembling with fear they came last night they said they will kill me and it was easy to

believe because some years prior to that another brother who went to the region for preaching the gospel he was martyred so they said what are you going to do I don't know what to do they are going to kill me again the senior most brother said son I want to ask you one question did Jesus ask you to go to go to Boondi he said I know he told me to go to Boondi that is only a bird and a half are you sure he said I know but they are going to kill me he said son you go back to Boondi most probably they will come back to you again yes maybe there is a possibility you may get killed but

remember heaven is a much better place than Boondi anyway you wait there for us and we will come later and the senior most brother who told him that has a scar on his forehead as Paul said the mark of the cross persecution that he faced for preaching the gospel the young brother knelt down and they laid hand on him prayed for him and sent him back to Boondi he got in the bus weeping believing that he will never see them again alive he reached Boondi sure enough after few days the same people came back and said why are you now going to make us murderers didn't we tell you not to come here he listened to all the almighty speech and very calm sober he said you know what the sooner you do your job it is better for me heaven is a much better place than Boondi anyway what do you do with a

fellow who want to get killed yes he faced some persecution some problems some years goes by I get a telephone call in the middle of the night hello I said yes KP speaking brother we want you to come to Boondi I want to put the phone down he said no no brother we want you to inaugurate the church that is in the story changes next month I flew to Delhi took a train and went to Boondi you want to see faces glow with love of Jesus come to Boondi and see the first generation converts hundred and fifty see some adults and wives and children worshipping Jesus so intense not for two hours but goes on three four five hours and I sat there weeping through the whole service and taught God's word when it was over this brother said this is a man who said he will tear me like a chicken how is it

possible Paul please Paul you are the best teacher theologian pastor leader we have don't you go there and get killed please Paul don't you read Acts Paul said ah thank you I know you are telling the truth the Holy Spirit spoke clearly that is true but I do not regard my life dear unto myself all I want is to give it away Jesus I want to be like you hey my brother my sister I am not here to put you on a guilt trip intimidate you get something out of you and run to the next place that is not my purpose here but I want to ask you one simple question when you heard over 100,000 people died in Rwanda in a few days time when you heard in a week over 100,000 swept away from Bangladesh into the oceans and millions left homeless when you heard every church in Afghanistan was demolished not one

Christian living in the country where were you what happened to you the following day did your son ask you mama why are you not eating today after three days your son said daddy it seems that you are not eating any food what happened are you sick then you say my son you remember we watched the news and saw what happened yes daddy then son I am so broken hearted over the millions that are perishing that I decided to fast and pray and stand in the gap on the behalf of the world that is going to hell and forever without Jesus that is the only reason when was the last time you as a family sat down and said lets talk about it half of the world go to bed with empty stomach and naked bodies some 80,000 die every day and slip into hell you and your wife and kids as a family when was the last time

you made a pact a discussion and say we will live as strangers and pilgrims on this earth with sacrifice and commitment and tears and fasting and touch the lost world with our lifestyle and commitment two brothers we trained in one of our schools and send them out to work among the Muslims the people of Islam Hussain and Salsal their names Hussain was married with two little kids Salsal was not married during the

day they preach the gospel in this community and lead people to Christ and quite a few came to know the lord during the night they teach the bible for this new believers one morning as they were going about their ministry a group of men met them they greeted them with kindness Namaste oh so you are Hussain and you are Salsal you came to tell us about your Jesus our brothers

thought they were very friendly nice people said yes we are so happy to be here to tell you about Jesus no more exchange no more conversation the leader pulled out a dagger and stabbed into the heart of brother Hussain he fell in a pool of blood while Salsal grabbing hold of him weeping they stabbed him six times believing that both are dead these men fled Salsal it took months to recover but Hussain died on the spot leaving his wife and two young kids behind hearing about the news after a few weeks her father a Muslim who is not a Christian traveling from his distant village came to see his daughter and this is what he said my daughter thank god the devil is dead now you come home with me with my grandchildren now you my wonderful sisters wives young girls you listen to the answer this

young wife in a strange place no relatives no one to show any kindness replied to her father said my father you don't understand that Jesus my husband loved I love him dearly the people that he loved I love them I cannot come home I have to stay here and continue the ministry my husband started and died for why loving Jesus more than life itself a man had hundred sheep remember that parable how many got awake one and what did the shepherd do did he say ah one I got 99 oh that one is a stupid one it is really crazy all the time anyway let it go jump and die ok go I am going to have a nice wonderful sleep you know my wife says I snore but I tell my wife I never snore she says how do you know I never heard me snore so the shepherd gave up that one sheep did he he left the 99 and went after

the one until he found it and took it up and came home today listen the story is not one outside the fold one inside and 99 out there one billion people in the land of India half of them never heard the name Jesus even one time in their life forget about redemption, sanctification and all the doctrines we fight and squabble about 22 million people in North and Bihar without one church one missionary among that many people 17 million in Afghanistan without one known Christian who must begin to feel the burden and commit our life to touch these people people ask me brother KP where do you come from I said can't you see on my face India but where in India oh you want to know where in India I come from the extreme southern part of India the state of Kerala that is where Christ's disciple

Thomas came in AD 52 believe it or not it's true I gave my life to the lord when I was 8 years old through my mother's influence the place I come from you want to know go and find the oldest Tarzan movie you can find oh black and white that's the kind of place I grew up you know these clothes you see I'm wearing this is not mine we don't wear these kind of things we have a wrap around bare footed all this stuff I do it for you and I have 5 brothers I'm the youngest in our family and my mother a devout follower of Christ my father died in 74 he knew the lord just before he died but my mother all her life I remember she followed him very close the memory of my mother every morning about 4 o'clock she will get up and read her bible and pray for couple of hours then she wake up the whole

family for family prayer I didn't want to wake up but I had to and after she finish the cooking and washing everything she will take her bible and go from house to house and tell people about Jesus in my village when I was just after 16 years of age I felt the lord was calling me to give my life for mission work so I came home one afternoon and told my mother and father if you allow me I want to be a missionary before I could finish my sentence my mother said you please go I said uh oh now I know she never liked me so I took off went in north India for 2 years working with operation mobilization and came back to see my

parents skin and bones tired worn out the first time she saw me she began to weep the following day nobody in the house she was cooking in the kitchen with the fire wood

you know the typical the old way we do things she said son come and sit here and I want to tell you something that you did not know about and I sat beside her this 5 feet 2 inches tall skin and bones little fragile village woman with a glow on her face the love of Jesus in her own native language she began to tell me the story said son I have 6 boys and you are the youngest I said mother obviously that is true she said all my life my dream was one of my sons to become a missionary and I prayed for all my sons but one by one they went to business and farming and all these different things and when you were born growing up I lost all my hope you were shy and timid and I thought God will never answer my prayer but then I decided as a last attempt I would fast and pray and my son for 3 and

half years every Friday I only drank water and fasted all 3 meals crying out to God Jesus call one of my sons to become a missionary and the day you came and said you want to go as a missionary I knew God answered my prayer applause in 1990 I was flying from the United States to South Korea to speak in a mission conference and when I reached Bombay India I got the message my mother was sick at the age of 84 she never been sick like that with a heart problem taken to the hospital I cancelled my trip went to the hospital spent a week with her that weekend my mother died funeral took place now I must go back to America my oldest brother called younger brothers including me to talk about our mother one of my brother had a question how much money did our mother leave in the bank all her sons

would give her money every month to do whatever she want to do and so we imagined she must have a huge amount of money sitting somewhere in the bank answering the question my brother pulled out his old worn out booklet or piece of papers and he said there is nothing in the bank he said what happened to all the money he said I found this under the pillow of our mother's bed in it she had scribbles of names of dozens of young people some studying in the bible school to go to the mission field some already on the mission field and against their names 200 rupees, 500 rupees and all the different money she was sending every month without telling one human being on earth and I began to weep the reason being I remember one time when I was back home visiting my people and I saw my mother

wearing this blouse with stitches from here to here you know the needle stitch and I was so angry I said mother what is wrong with you what happened to your head don't you have any feeling for your sons the whole world will think that we don't take care of you you are putting cow dung on our face you put shame upon our head mother don't you have any feelings about us you can buy a new dress every month if you want why you do this to us she smiled and said you little fellow don't understand nothing someday you will understand and now I sit in the room as though my mother speaking to me again my son all my life I lived for the eternal purposes of god yes I could have purchased a new dress every month but I chose to wear old clothes and stitch it when it's torn I never told anyone what I was

doing but son now you understand the house the dreams the dresses approval of men opinions of other people my son it means all nothing it's nothing now you understand how many times did I hear my mother just during the day saying that bible verse again and again and again and again her favorite bible verse Psalm 73 verse 25 whom have I in heaven but you and on earth I desire no one beside you after having spent a little time in Europe before coming to America I picked up a habit using a certain brand name deodorant soap from England that I love you can buy it in America dollar 50 cents per bar and that I did for the first several years of my life in America a bookworm any book that you find on any subject if I could buy it I will buy it it was impressive somebody came to my house and saw

all the translations and books I had and I didn't read half of them but kind of made a good impression after a few years of living like that one day the lord said to me son half of the world have never seen one page of the bible what are you doing with your life and I cried out to god on my knees and said lord take eternity and stamp on my eyes for I cannot change myself I am so self centered in his mercy and grace and compassion and love he began to change my heart next time he went to the store I didn't buy the dollar 50 cents deodorant soap I switched to ivory 35 cents and I don't like ivory either I am not promoting that soap some of our brothers are working in northwest of India on the street preaching the gospel a hindu brahmin a landlord came by and got a gospel cracked in hindi

language he was running away from his home to commit suicide having cancer in his body first time in his life in the late 50s an older man read with his own eyes god came to this world for you Jesus died on the cross to save you from sin and hell and he want to save you if you call upon him and there is a prayer he can pray to Jesus on the street that afternoon this man knelt down in his own native language crying out to a god he never prayed to ever in his life asking him to come into his life and forgive you sin and save him he got up something happened peace came into his heart and he didn't commit suicide he ran home and went to the same hospital and told the doctors doctor I feel so good can you check me what we can do you are sick no no doctor you please one more time so he

persisted they checked him up down everywhere inside out what did you take there is no trace of cancer in your body you are completely cured and the man pulled out the booklet in his pocket that he was reading and said doctor this healed me they thought he went cuckoos with the address on the booklet he went to a mission station told our brothers what happened to him they began to explain him the gospel more about Jesus the man began to weep out loud and said oh now I know this Jesus is my god then he said you know what I am a landlord can you come and make all my people Christians how how literally understand how this thing work two of our brothers went with him began to preach the gospel and to date they got at least 150 or more people saved and baptized and the man gave the land the

money the whole thing to build the first church in the community but the question how did that all happen one gospel tract that cost less money than what I pay for chewing gum and I like chewing gum I am not saying don't chew gum if you want no problem but I am telling you I was crazy enough to think in those terms saying lord everything I do now in my life I want to evaluate in the light of eternity I must conclude with some applications those who claim to be followers of Christ must live like him and I am convinced the saddest thing Christ feels he weeps over so he look upon the land of India Bhutan, Burma the Muslim countries, people that do not know the gospel, don't know his name, they are dying in darkness like the woman at river Ganges and I want him to break my heart with the

things that break his heart so what do I do I recommend that if the lord give you the grace take one day of the week to fast and pray for people that never heard the gospel ask god to give you the countries the name of the people groups information we can help you with tremendous information to pray for just one day of the week and if you are trying to lose few more pounds add one more day my second recommendation to you is that you will ask the lord Jesus how do you want me to live my life in the light of the fact that half of the world never heard this gospel and they are hungry and destitute ask him to give you understanding how to live your life I cannot tell you the car, the house and what you should do, that's none of my business nobody's business as a matter of fact but let him

tell you how you can simplify your life so that others can hear the gospel and you know my sister you don't need another diamond ring, he loves you anyway you see my brother this tie here, kind of broad if you got

one like this, you keep it and it will go narrow and it will come back again that is the world of fashion you can hold a car, lay your hand on it in Jesus name, it will run again but let the lord guide you I wrote the whole book about it by the way thirdly most of you 99% of you will not go to India, China Bhutan, Burma, Bangladesh, Pakistan Afghanistan, you will not go there to live, please go if you can but tonight I want to ask you something my mother she never left my village in her entire life but she had missionaries all over India winning people to Christ people that she

will never meet in her lifetime on earth never touched them but she knew someday she will meet them in heaven would you please I fold my hand before you tonight and ask would you ask the lord what you will do as he guides you to link your life with missionaries on the field we got 11000 missionaries in India and China and Bhutan and Burma and Bangladesh all these places native missionaries living like the people talking their language suffering and paying the price of preaching the gospel we got thousands now in the schools getting ready to go to the mission field but they cannot go no one to help them to go you say brother KP why not the sad thing is they have no one to help them even with the train ticket it takes about as little as 30 dollars a month you can help one of those

missionaries get to the place where no one ever went before and preach the gospel and plant a church when they plant a church and begin self-supporting you don't need to help them anymore they can keep on preaching and doing the work of the lord and expand the work my wife and I with our two children began to support four native missionaries when they were going to school in Dallas my kids used to go to the streets and pick up beer cans and coca cola cans, aluminum cans and sell them and bring the money so we can support four missionaries 30 dollars a month and all those four missionaries began to plant local churches in India, Bhutan, India, Bangladesh all those places and today my kids are in India serving God would you and your family if the lord is speaking in your heart decide to do

that you say brother KP how do I do that the answer is this on the tables back there we have a card with a blue stripe on the top in this card there is a place for you to say starting now I will help prayerfully sponsor help sponsor one missionary or two whatever number of missionaries you want to support 30 dollars a month then you write your name and address and you give it to the people manning the table and they will give you your missionary to take over

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