

CHRIST IN YOU

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This subject is a very large one, one of wide application. Hebrews 1:1-3 sets Jesus Christ forth as the first born from the dead, the beginning of all things. The Creator, and He is also the Recreator: "Behold I make all things new." That is, I am Recreator. This restoration begins with man where the fall began, and extends to all things in the whole round world, material, spiritual, mental, all to be made new, beginning with the people of God.

One application of the mystery hid from ages and generations, Christ in you, is now manifest. Its application to every faculty, power, ability, nature, every part of man's being, now under control of man's own will, is to come under control of the Spirit of God. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Phil. 2:13. That is a very marvelous transformation when one is brought where the springs of life are no longer in the natural, in man's mind, but arise from the motions of the Spirit, so one can say, "The life that I now live... I live by the faith of the Son of God." I live in Him. He lives in me. He controls and possesses me. The experience of Jesus Christ becoming the controlling power in the will, motive, desire, purpose and whole activity of one's life, has been little understood or known from apostolic days until now. But few have found their way into this glorious state. Now Christ has arisen to close this age. All the great experiences and doings of the past, and much more, are to be restored and brought forth. The main line or agency of Christ's activity is the Spirit's full control of vessels used to promote the work and plans of Christ, not for—but by Christ. Then it is Christ in you, controlling, operating and manifesting.

"Ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit." "Ye are God's husbandry, God's building," "The temple of God." "Whose house are ye." "Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them." These are literal facts, not figurative expressions. Ah! they are so mysterious, so hidden to the natural man, so marvelous to one to whom it is opened, he feels he has found great treasure. 1 Cor. 3:9,16; Eph. 2:22; Heb. 3:6; 2 Cor. 6:16.

Man does not like to give in. He wants to do and go where he pleases. He wants the en-

vironments, associations and friendships of his own choice, follow his own course, and be occupied with his mind's inventions. When he lays all down and says, "Not my will, but Thine be done; not my work, but Thine, not my desires but Thy choice;" he becomes changed and transformed. At first it seems a pretty hard road. Some say, "It costs me to serve the Lord." But once one passes over and becomes God's possession, husbandry, building; God becomes promoter of his thoughts, desires and activities, and he can say, "All my springs are in Thee." When he comes to this place, he shouts with delight, "I have found it! I have found it!" It is such a comfortable way of living. Your tenacious grasp is loosened and the Lord is your control.

The Lord compares men in His ecclesia to a vine, that just goes twining about tree or twig or anything it can fasten to. Man attaches to whatever earthly things he can reach. But God designs to loosen him from people, attachments and plans of every kind, where he has no purpose of his own, but God purposes in him.

This is a great transformation, a wonderful recreation, a big change, a new life, when we can say, "Christ Who is our life." He is directing the activity of the day, the thought of the mind. When He gets control, then it is "Christ in you."

When God gave Jeremiah his commission, he replied, "I am a child, I cannot speak." The Lord said he should not say that, "Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth." He will make our mouths run in a new fashion. It is great and marvelous when Jesus Christ is revealed in one as the spoken word. "Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me." "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God." Let it be Christ, the Logos, speaking. 2 Cor. 13:3; 1 Pet. 4:11. When God puts His word in us and speaks through us, it is Christ, the speaking Word.

Col. 3:16: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts." Have you ever spoken a rebuke or correction, and it came forth in a song in the Spirit's mellow tone? That takes away the severity.

Does the word of Christ dwell in you richly? This is an important part of the mystery, Christ in you. Christ in possession of your vocal organs, Christ controlling your powers

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The Calling Out of the Bride

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all truth empowers to pray and endows this body with every spiritual supply.

Then the full meaning of the word Ekklesia is "the called out of the called ones" or a selection out of the called ones.

There is also the thought of progression in this word. In every generation God is calling out a people from the rank and file of His children into vital communion with Himself all which the majority never know. This causes separations in the body. In the last few centuries this calling out is very marked. Martin Luther heard the call in his day. On down the line we find men catching fresh vision like the Wesleys, George Fox, A. B. Simpson and others. The Pentecostal movement was but an out calling, but out of this there is sure to be another calling out and possibly more after that. God will have a people with complete heart devotion to Him who will come up to the standard of Eph. 5 in our generation. Reader what does your heart say?

This line of teaching never draws the crowd. This is why our group is not very large. Not many can pay the price. Let us not compromise but help others as well as ourselves into God's High calling by teaching the message and encouraging all to go on with God and to seek Him with all their hearts.

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of speech, Christ speaking out his Word through you.

Christ is made unto us wisdom, righteousness and sanctification. Someone has said, "There is no such thing as sanctification." It does not say that in the Bible. It says, "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly," which means entirely, top to bottom and inside to outside. And, I pray God your whole spirit soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord." There is something about the fire in the baptism that just cuts through and preserves. Faithful is he that calleth you to this sanctification, who also will do it. He will come upon you with His heavenly power and pour such a flood of Divine life through you that you will be recreated and become a sanctified vessel.

Christ is also made redemption to us. This word seems to cover all not already mentioned in the passage. Redemption means to buy back

and to put us back where we were before the fall. The Lord seems to say, none of you are big enough to make a house for ME. No one man is big enough for God to dwell in. So the Lord says, I will take a group of you, fit you together and dwell in you. He calls the company the ecclesia or body of Christ. It means the called out ones—from the cold ones, the lukewarm, those who are not yielding all—framing them into His house or Body.

King David said, "Lord I have a fine cedar house, but Your worship is in a tent. I want to build You a house." The Lord sent a prophet to say that the Lord would build David a house. David had made it his practice to always be led of the Lord. So the Lord gave David the blue prints of the temple (1 Chron. 28:12,19). He also made a covenant that He would put His word in the mouth of His Redeemer Son forever (Isa. 59:20,21). This prophetic spiritual tabernacle of David, the voice of the Lord in His prophetic people, was restored in New Testament times. It is again fallen down, but is now to be restored: the tabernacle in which God dwells and Jesus speaks and rules. Christ is the Head. He is the Ruler. He is God. He is the Director. He controls. Come and get into the tabernacle of David. Come and get into the power of God and the control of Jesus Christ.

It is one thing to sit in this congregation and hear and approve of these messages of Christ in you, as you do; but it is something more than that to get into them and get them into you, in order that the Lord may control you, and this heavenly life of Christ may become your life in all respects.

The glory of the latter house shall exceed the glory of the former house. It will be the greatest tabernacle ever built. It will be filled with the glory of God. There are other names for it, but it is the Tabernacle of David. And when God gets through building it, He will take it up to Heaven. It will go straight up. I saw New Jerusalem coming down from God out of Heaven.

We Lose to Win

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due time.

After this Abram is invited to lift up his eyes and all the land he sees is his, Bless God. God will never be in our debt; so let us not be afraid to trust Him, and like Abram we will

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