

What Manner of Man Is This? – 02/9/20

Jesus Cleanses the Soul

TEXT – 2 Co 7:1 *Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.*

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INTRO - The Bible teaches that immediately upon salvation the Holy Spirit resides within. That means that we are in Christ and Christ is in us.

In Christ

The Pauline phrase, “**in Christ**” is a key phrase in his writings. The phrase “**in Christ**” or “**in him**” occurs **numerous times** throughout Paul’s writings

- Paul commends the readers for being “**faithful** in Christ.”
- The Father has “**blessed** us in Christ.”
- We have **redemption** “in him.”
- “In him” we were **marked with the seal of Holy Spirit**

This idea, that we are “**in Christ**” in various ways, is found over 150 times in Paul’s letters. We find our identity “**in Christ**” as Christian believers. Our spiritual address is “**in Christ**.” We are at home when we are “**in Christ**.”

The Inner Man

Eph 3:16-19 *That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in **the inner man**; 17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.*

2 Co 4:16 *For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet **the inward man** is renewed day by day.*

Rom 7:22-25 *For I delight in the law of God after **the inward man**:*

Col 3:10 *And have put on **the new man**, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:*

Col 1:27 *To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory:*

The Temple of the Holy Spirit

1 Co 6:19-20 *What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.*

2 Co 6:14-18 *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? . . .*

Priests of God

1 Peter 2:5 *Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

Rev 1:6 *And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

- **A defiled priest was forbidden serve**

Isa 52:11 *Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.*

- **How they were defiled**

Eze 8:1-16 *And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there upon me.*

The image of jealousy – an idol at the brazen altar

Wicked abominations on the wall – The inner court

The Holy of holies was filled with wickedness and defilement – all concealed from the eyes of man.

Mat 23:27-28 *Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are **within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.** 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.*

Humanism has taken hold of our society

- **The way of cleansing**

Gal 2:20 *I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

1 Pe 3:4 *But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.*

Confess our sins and we receive Forgiveness

1 Jn 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Cleansing

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Put on Christ

Gal 3:26-28 *For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Live in the Spirit

Rom 8:9-11 *But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*
1 Co 12:13 *For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.*

CONCL – This is called the Christ life

If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two
If he came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do.
Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest,
And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best,
And you keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there
That serving Him in your own home is joy beyond compare.
But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door
With arms outstretched in welcome to your heavenly Visitor?
Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in?
Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been?
Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard?
And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud, hasty word?
Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out?
Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about?
And I wonder if the Savior spent a day or two with you,
Would you go right on doing the things you always do?
Would you go right on saying the things you always say?
Would life for you continue as it does from day to day?
Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace?
And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace?
Would you sing the songs you always sing, and read the books you read,
And let him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed?
Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go?
Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so?
Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends?
Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends?
Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on?
Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone?
It might be interesting to know the things that you would do?
If Jesus Christ in person came to spend some time with you.