

Christ In You

Colossians 1:26-29, „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.”

Let us consider what God's Prophet in this day has said about it:

"A little while and the world seeth Me no more, yet ye shall see Me, for I'll be with you, even in you, to the end of the age" (*St. John 14:19-20*). Christ in the manger? No. **Christ in you.** Hallelujah. We're not worshipping Christ in the manger, but Christ in you, the Holy Ghost, the hope of Life (Hallelujah.). The Creator, **God Himself dwelling in the human being.** "*It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we'll see Him as He is.*" (*I John 3:2*). For we'll be made like Him... **And, brother, sister, that Deity's in you.** [1]

Don't be deceived, you had better search this close now. See, if you keep on saying, "Well, I don't condemn me to do this, and it don't condemn me to do that." Things of the world? Now, I'm going to hurt you just a little bit, pull the feathers back the other way. **But it's this one sure evidence, you've never been to Christ, you've never been borned again.** "*He that loves the world or the things of the world, the love of God's not even in him*" (*I John 2:15-17*).

Now, if you just quit doing it because you know you ought not to do it, and quit doing this, that's the sign that you haven't got nowhere yet. **When that thing becomes dead in you, and the nature of it's gone away, there's another Person in there** and It can only produce... **The Holy Spirit that was in Christ in you produces the Christ-like Life. Nothing you do; what He did.** He chose that before the foundation of the world (*Eph. 1:3-4*).

Someone said, "Well, I know I got saved, because I quit smoking."

That wasn't why I got saved; that wasn't why you got saved. **You got saved because God chose you before the foundation of the world to be saved.** That's the Scripture teaching. Amen. Now, you see, we begin to find out it's not us; **it's Him; He chose us** (*II Tim. 1:9-10*). [2]

"Well, I belong to the Catholic church." That still don't make you a Christian. Belonging to the Baptist or Methodist church don't make you a Christian. There's only one way to be a Christian. **The word "Christian" means "Christ-like." And you can't do it; you can't work it in yourself; there's no way at all you can do it. You have to forget yourself, die out to yourself, and let Christ come in and live the Life of Christ in you.** [3]

And the only way that God can preach the Gospel today is through that lump of clay, and that's why He is keeping you here. And that's why you sick people have a right to come to Christ. Say, "Lord Jesus, if You'll only heal me now, I'll go. I may not be a preacher, but I'll talk about it. I'll do everything that I can. You are the vine; I'm one of the branches." Now, the vine doesn't bear fruit. **The branches bears fruit, not the vine, the branch.** The vine only puts the energy into it. **The Gospel can be preached by Christ if you'll open up yourself and be a branch that'll bear forth fruit. Others can see Christ in you by your testimony, by your life and the way you live.** He is the energy, but you're the show picture. You're the **walking Bible** (*John 15:1-7*).

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And He walked out under disguise. He appeared to them in the form of a man (*Luke 24:13-16*). **He might appear to you in the form of your neighbor.** He might appear to you in the form of a minister, or your mother. **Christ appears to you in people.** Then treat everybody right. Be kindly; be neighborly; be loving. **Christ is in the person.** "Christ in you the hope of glory" (*Col. 1:26-27*). And as you go along, and people appears to you, **a kind person begins to speak to you, listen to them. You don't know, it might be Jesus speaking to you.** See, He appears. "I'll be with you, even in you. And as you do unto these, you do unto Me" (*Matt. 25:40*).

Oh, when you get to looking at it that way, the old tradition falls away. See? It doesn't become a form of words and a declaration of so many words puts together. **It becomes a living reality that Christ is in us now, the Holy Spirit moving back and forth,** through every human being, surging through the hearts, searching, condemning the ruins life in there. As you confess it, He holds it before God, and the Blood cleanses it. Amen. [5]

When you cross Jordan, it's death; you go into that veil I was talking about last night, **inside the holiest of holies,** where your Light is no more of the world. **You'll walk in fellowship side by side with Christ in you,** the hope of glory, the Holy Ghost moving and living in the mortal being.

And if maybe I told you tonight, that the spirit of some great artist was in me, you would expect me to paint a picture like the artist. If I told you the spirit of John Dillinger was in me, you'd look for me to have big guns, and be a desperado. And **If I've told you the Spirit of Christ was in me, I have to do the works of Christ.** And if you profess to be a Christian, depart from sin and selfishness and tempers, and live like Christ did, **a peaceful, humble, God-blessed life.** Amen. That's right. [6]

Paul said, „For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (*Phil. 1:21*). „Not me that liveth anymore, but Christ that liveth in me” (*Gal. 2:19-20*). Christ living in the individual soul--surrendered. **Christ speaks through the lips,**

and thinks through mind, sees through the eye, acts through the temperament. Hallelujah.

Then the things of the world has passed away. **How can it be anything but sweet and pleasant all the time? Christ has got control.** Amen. You see it? That's what it is. **It's Christ in you: Christ in you.** [7]

If I told you the Spirit of Christ was in me, then the Spirit of Christ has to operate the same way that It did in Christ. If it isn't, then the Spirit of Christ doesn't lead me; **I'm led by some other spirit. But if the Spirit of Christ is in you, then you're Christ-like; you become Christ's disciples.**

And there's where people today look upon different emotions of shouting and joining church and things like that to take the place, or education, or denomination, or something on that sort **to take the place of Christianity.** It'll never take the place. It can't do it. **It's a "Christ in you, the hope of glory."** [8]

Long years ago before they had the smelters, they used to take the gold, and how they would know how it was right or not, with all the sludge was out of it, all of the iron pyrite (that's fools gold), all the fools out of it, beaters beat it, and beat it, and turned it, and beat it, and turned it until the beater sees his reflection in the gold.

That's the way God does His church. He gives you trial after trial, test after test, trial after trial, test after test, until the life of Christ is reflected in your life, until you become peaceful, sober, meek, gentle, humble, ready, submissive, willing, turn your head from the things of the world and looking straight to Calvary to the One Who's doing the beating. Many times you think it's strange because fiery trials, and sickness, and persecutions (*Rom. 5:1-5; 1 Peter 4:12-13*); it's only done to test you, to get the dirt out of you, to get the sludge out of you, **to get the slowness out of you,** to wake you up to the place where you can look and see the reflection--or **men can see the reflection of Christ in you:** Christ in you, the hope of glory.

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Don't try to have any sensation, anything to take the place of the Holy Spirit. When the new birth is come, you are changed. You don't have to do anything to prove it; your life proves it. As you walk, your love, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, meekness, patience, that's what you are. And **the whole world sees the reflection of Jesus Christ in you.**

Now, speaking in tongues, shouting there, that's just attributes **that follow** this kind of a life. And **you can take and impersonate those attributes and never have that Life.** We see it. How many knows that that's true? Sure you do; certainly you do. Why you can see it all around you.

So there's nothing you say that's the evidence of the Holy Ghost, unless it's your life that you live. Now, if you want to speak with tongues,

that's perfectly all right if you live the life to back it up. That's right. And if you want to shout, fine, that's good. I shout too, get so happy sometimes I can't hardly wear a pair of shoes; I like to jump out of them. And that's wonderful. I believe it.

And I've seen visions, and the sick healed, the dead raised. When they laying out there and the doctors walk away and say they're finished and gone, lay there a couple hours; and the Holy Spirit come right down and show a vision, go down there and raise that person up. I've seen those who are deaf, dumb, and blind, and crippled, walk. That doesn't... **That was just attributes.**

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Oh, how God wants to bless the church. How oft would He have hovered you as the hen does her brood, but you would not. **You listened to men leaders instead of the Holy Spirit Leader.** You listened to men teachers instead of God's Teacher, the Holy Ghost, **Who would teach you behavior, make you behave yourself nice, make you be ladylike, make you the salt of the earth** (*Matt. 5:13*).

The salt creates a thirst. And **men will thirst to be like you if you'll really live the Christian life. You can't do it in yourself; you've got to have Christ in you to do it.** The world is wanting something genuine. That's the reason they see people that claim to be something and going out acting like the rest of the world. [11]

Now, that little tree's just like you. After you've accepted Christ in the little baby form (*I Jn. 2:12-13*), then we are planted together **in Christ** (*I Cor. 1:30-31*). Now, the only thing this little tree does, you just have to pour the water to it, and it starts drinking. And when it drinks its allotted portion, **it's got to drink more than that.** It has to drink so much until it starts pushing out limbs. Then it just keeps on drinking until it pushes out leaves. Then it just keeps on drinking till it pushes out blossoms. Then it just keeps on drinking until it pushes out oranges. **It's all the time drinking, drinking, drinking.**

And when we become borned again servants of God, **the Seed of God planted in our heart, we just keep drinking, drinking, and pushing out. Everything that you have need of in this earth's journey is in you when you receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost.** All the healing you ever need, all the rejoicing you'll ever need, all the power you ever need, everything that you got need of **is in you when you've got Christ in you** (*John 10:10*). But **the only thing you have to do is keep drinking, drinking.**

The people don't get thirsty enough. The Bible said, "*Blessed are you when you do hunger and thirst after righteousness*" (*Matt. 5:6*). When you're thirsty, you can drink. And the more you drink, the more you can spread out. The more grace you get, the more power you have, the more faith you have as you keep drinking from Christ Who is the inexhaustible fountain of life,

drinking, the Seed form. [12] Christ in the heart that changes you, makes you a different person, a new creation (*II Cor. 5:15-17*). [13]

What is the Holy Ghost? It is the Spirit of Christ in you (*Rom. 8:9*), the Comforter; that's the Holy Spirit (*John 14:19-26*). "A little while," said Jesus, "and the world sees Me no more, yet ye shall see Me; for I will be with you, **even in you** to the end of the world." [14]

If He went to the Father, the Holy Spirit would come (*Luke 24:48-49*). Is that right? Another Scripture said, "If I go not away, the Comforter will not come; but if I go away, I'll come again and be with you, **even in you**" (*John 16:7-11*). It's God with you: over you first, with you in Christ, in you in the Holy Ghost: **God in you**.

That's what the Holy Ghost is for. It's for a holy life: make you quit gossiping; make you quit playing cards, shooting craps, and all these other things that you do around the corner. It'll make you quit your carrying on the way you're doing, living untrue to your wife. That's what It'll do. That's right. It'll quit making you want to marry somebody else's wife. That's exactly right. That's what It is. It's to make you live a holy life. It's to quit making you smoke, and drink, and want to be a big shot. **It'll take that out of you.** It'll humble you when you do that. **That's what the Holy Ghost is power for, to set your affections on things above** (*Col. 3:1-4*). **The mind of Christ in you** (*Phil. 2:5-8*). You can't help from seeing those dirty things. When you look at them, you turn your head. That's right. It's to make you...

You say, "I can't do it. Oh, I just can't do it." Sure, you can't. **But the Holy Spirit come for that purpose.** That's what It did. It come to take it out of you, all of them old habits and things that you're doing. That old back biting, separating yourself, saying, "Bless God, I'm a Methodist. I won't have nothing to do with them old holy-rollers." The Holy Ghost come to take that out of you.

And if you've got the Spirit of Christ in you, you are from above (*John 17:6,14*). Then you're a stranger here. **But you got the nature of the place you're from; that's what I'm trying to say.** [15]

Today, I'm astonished, many times, as I ask people, "Are you a Christian?" They say, "I'm a Methodist."

"Are you a Christian?" - "I'm Baptist, or I'm Presbyterian, or even Pentecostal, or Pilgrim Holiness, or some church."

Now, them may be all right, but that isn't the question. The question is, "Are you a Christian?" **And you cannot be a Christian until you have received Christ, Christ in you** (*Rom. 8:9*). [16]

But that's the reason the Holy Spirit is such a definite must in this day, because It is the One that lives your life. You don't live it yourself.

It's Christ in you then, after you have received the Holy Spirit. And if He doesn't have the preeminences in your life (Col. 1,18-20), then you just remember, you haven't received the Holy Spirit. 'Cause if He's in you, He'll live His Own Life. You're no more your own. "You are dead, and your life is hid in God, through Christ, and sealed by the Holy Ghost" (Col. 3:1-4). So there's no way at all for you to be yourself no more, what you were. [17]

Look, Christ in you makes Him the center of Life of the revelation. Christ's Life in you makes Him the center of the revelation. Christ in the Bible, makes the Bible a complete revelation of Christ. Christ in you makes you the complete revelation of the whole thing. See what God's trying to do?

What is the new birth then? You say, "Well, Brother Branham, what is the new birth?" **It is the revelation of Jesus Christ personally to you.** Amen. See? Not you joined a church, you shook a hand; you done something different; you said a creed; you promised to live by a code of rules; but Christ, the Bible... **He is the Word that was revealed to you. And no matter what anybody says, what takes place, it's Christ.** Pastor, priest, whatever it might be... It's Christ in you. That is the revelation that the Church was built upon (Matt. 16:13-20).

Now, notice, God making Hissself known. **We're not supposed to make converts to Christianity by a government, but by the revelation of Christ in you as God was in Christ.** As God was in Christ, **Christ in you.** What God did in Christ, Christ does in you. What signs did God in Christ, Christ does in you. Oh, isn't that beautiful? Oh, my. I like that.

Jesus said: "At that day (that's this day)--at that day (**when this revelation's made known**) you will know that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me, **I in you, and you in Me.** (When the revelation's made manifest,) at that day, you shall know that I and the Father are One. I'm in the Father, and the Father's in Me. **Then when the revelation comes forth, then it's I in you and you in Me**" (John 14:20).

What is it? Not them people; **the Headship and the Body has become one unit. It's God manifested in His people.** That's the reason the husband and wife is no longer twain; they're one. **God and His Church is One: Christ in you, God's great revelation (Glory to God.), even bearing His Name.** His Name is Jesus, the Anointed. The reason He's called Jesus, He is the Anointed. **And it's the Anointed Body of Christ** proving, manifested God like that Body did. And that Body redeemed these bodies. [18]

But if you want to find how great you are, put your finger down in a pool of water, or a bucket of water, then pull your finger out and try to find where you put your finger. You're nothing. God can do without you, He can do without me, but we can't do without Him. We've got to have Him, for He is Life, and He alone. Not to know His Book, not to know this,

or know that, or know the creed, **but to know Him is Life, know Him as the Person, Christ in you, the Word made flesh in you** (*John 17:3*). **That's knowing Him. When you and He becomes one, like I said. He's got to come in you: you.** God and man must come one. **You're conscious of your littleness.** [19]

It's Christ in you, God dwelling in the human heart. [20]

A Christian? That's Christ in you. **And if Christ is in you, then the Word is in you.** [21]

Full obedience to the Word brings God, the Word eternal in you. And that is the Token. **When the Word is in you, it's Christ in you.** [22]

If the Spirit of God is in you, it makes you live like Christ, Christ-like. Then you become a written epistle, read of all men, Christ in you, reflecting His Light out of you (*II Cor. 3:1-3*), as God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, and reflecting God from His own body (*II Cor. 5:18-19*). [23]

Now, many people won't read the Bible. But God has made you a living representative. **You are a walking letter, should be a walking Bible, Christ in you.** You should be the walking Word of God. And if you profess to be a Christian and not that, your influence--what you're influencing will make you have to answer for many souls that you've turned aside, away from Christ, in that day of the judgment. [24]

But, oh, brother, when that Token's once placed in your heart, and you know it's the resurrection of Jesus Christ in you, something's happening. There isn't nothing going to turn you. You know where you belong.

Full obedience to the whole Word of God entitles you to the Token, and nothing else. "Blessed is he that does all of His Commandments, he might have right to the Tree of Life." (*Rev. 22,14-15*).

Then take your Token, that you know that it's Jesus Christ in you, then apply it. Is the Life of Christ in you? [25]

Not another person went out of Him called the Holy Spirit, but It was He Himself. You get it? **He Himself poured Himself into the people: Christ in you.** How beautiful, how wonderful to think, **God pouring Himself into the human being, into the believer: pour out.** It was a part of His drama to do so. God, all the Fullness, **all the Godhead bodily was in this Person Jesus Christ** (*Col. 2:9-10*). He was God and God alone, not a third person, or a second person, or a first person; but the Person, **God veiled in human flesh.**

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So get Christ in your heart; Christ and the Holy Spirit's the same thing. Holy Spirit, "Christ" means "the anointed One." And the Holy Spirit is that Anointing, and you are the one that's anointed. See? And **it's Christ in you anointing you.** See what I mean?

Then you got the right thing. **Then He can use you to anything He wants to use you in, 'cause you're in the body and subject to any of those gifts. But see, to have one of the gifts outside of the body, it would do you no good.** "Though I speak with tongues of men and Angels, have not charity, it profit me nothing. Though I have faith and can understand all the mysteries of God, profit me nothing. Though I give my body to be burnt as a sacrifice, give all my goods to the poor, though I have faith to move a mountain, I am nothing" (*I Cor. 13:1-3*). See? Don't depend on those things. **The Holy Spirit is a Being; It's God, God in you, the Person, God, that's lit your whole entire being.** You're changed; you're a new creature (*Gal. 6:15*). **Any little thing that's wrong, He'll tell you that's wrong, then quit; don't do it. "Father, I didn't mean to do that, You forgive me."** See? **And that's the Holy Spirit.** [27]

How we going to come to heaven then to say, "Well, I believe this, but I don't believe that"? **You've got to be the full Word, for you're part of Him.**

That's how God's trying to make His church today, not by a creed. And they're trying to force us into that, folks. You see it coming. The handwriting's on the wall. Won't be too long till we're going to be a world church, and every church is going to have to fall right into that or stand the circumstances. Well, are you ready to stand that? You better not do it just because you think it's the right thing. **You better have Christ in you, 'cause that Word is eternal, and that Word is what will raise you up again. You become part of that Word. You're identified with the Word.** [28]

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[Bro. Branham in "Conduct-Order-Doctrine", pg. 724]