

GREATER IS HE THAT IS WITHIN YOU

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Hallelujah there is a great and Almighty God living inside of you and me, and if we only come to grips with that marvelous truth, and come to the reality of who Christ really is in us, we will never be the same again. I find myself not struggling with sins like I used to because now I am Christ conscience and not sin conscience. When you become God conscience you leave the sin conscience behind and press toward the higher call, which is Christ in you the hope of glory. A lot of people are fighting against the sin because they are more aware of their sinful nature than their Christ like nature. But if we stop thinking about the sin and concentrate more on the Saviour, we will grow deeper into the life that is in us through the Holy Spirit.

God has given us everything we need to escape the corruption in this world, which is brought on by our lustful desires. When we were born again by the word and by the Holy Spirit we became partakers of the Divine nature of the heavenly Father. All of the God-head that was in Jesus when he was on a earth physically, is now in all who put their trust and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are so privileged that God has made known to us the mystery of Christ, which is his glory in us. When Paul wrote his letter to the church of Colossians, he wanted them to know that this wonderful attribute of God, (GLORY), was now living in them. Praise God. The word of God tells us that greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). This is a very powerful, powerful statement. This is an absolute statement. This is the proclamation of Christ to every believer. There is no reason why we as children of the Most High should live on the bottom when he has given us his authority. We are not the tail but the head.

God wants us to go beyond the natural realm that we see. There are greater levels of glory in which we can live, but many of us settle for a normal Christian life when we should be living the supreme supernatural life of Christ. God did not call us to be satisfied with this life, but he called us not only to live for him but to also hunger after him with great intensity. If we do not hunger for God there is something wrong. The very fact that we know we lack a holy hunger should drive us to pray with earnestness and with great supplication.

When we see God for who he is, we go beyond the faith realm and move into the glory realm, THAT'S where all the miracles of God takes place. God has called us and glorified us in his

presence with the glory that Christ was glorified with before the foundations of the world. We must be willing to step aside and let the Holy Spirit teach us his revelation. His commentary is much, much, much better than ours, Praise the living God. The faith we live in the flesh is the faith of the Son of God. For Paul said in his letter to the Galatians, I am crucified with Christ and I know longer live but Christ lives in me, the life I live now I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave his life for me (Gal. 2:20). This is a tremendous statement because here we see that as long as we live in this flesh here on earth, we must depend upon the faith to teach us about the heavenly things. But when we come to a place where we can see Jesus for who he is we step out of the flesh faith and walk in the glory faith of Christ. We are not saved by faith alone but by grace through faith.

Think about it, when Christ was here on the earth he did miracles, how did he do those miracles, he knew that he had the power of the Father and the Holy Spirit living in him to produce these miracles. Christ stated that he could only do what he saw his Heavenly Father do. That means that he saw into the heavenly realms in order to see what his Father wanted him to do. Some may say that this was a mental action on his part, but we must also realize that Christ had his heart and his mind totally upon the things of heaven. Paul said this very thing to the Colossian church when he told them to keep their hearts and minds on things above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God (Col. 3:1). The Bible also tells us that the patriarchal father of trust, Abraham, saw the city of God by faith. We also, like Jesus, Abraham and all the other prophets who saw through the eyes of faith into the heavenly realms where Christ is seated in power and authority, can do just what Jesus did when he was here physically on the earth.

We live here on earth in the flesh, but the spirit man lives in heaven. What I mean is this, our hearts and minds are connected with Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit and we have access anywhere at anytime to go directly to God our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ and ask anything we need according to his holy purposes and divine will. We do not need anyone to go for us to God and ask because we have direct contact with him all the time.

Very few Christians tap into the awesome power of God living in them. For this very reason we have some who live very powerful lives for the Lord making a great impact upon their generation, and then you have those who really never walked in their calling because they never came into the true knowledge of the Son of God. Peter said that whoever retains and abides in the knowledge of the Son of God will be productive in this life. God called us to make an election sure. That means that God wants us to make up our minds about following him. The enemy cannot make us turn away from our commitment to Christ. You can make your calling an election sure, Praise God.

Our circumstances are seen different when we look from Jesus' perspective because he sees the victory won even before we go through. The only time we lose faith in our trials is when we put our eyes on the circumstances and not on Christ. Peter walked on the water because he acted on the word of God that came forth from Jesus' mouth. He was able to walk above the normal realm because he acted out the eternal word. He, (Christ) is before all things and in him all things hold together (Col. 1:17). Christ sustained Peter on the water because Peter moved out in faith on the word of Christ. This is the very statement made in the book of Hebrews saying, he holds everything together by his powerful word (Heb. 1:3). Christ will strengthen the word in us through signs miracles and wonders. I ask you, is there anything too hard for our God? If he made the heavens and the earth with no difficulty, if he can feed a multitude without any problem, if he can deliver men from the mouths of lions, can he not also keep us in the hour of trials and tribulation, I believe he can.

The word tells us that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. When we think about the universe and it's awesome splendor, who but God can create such a wonder. Let's take the sun for example, it is 93 billion miles away from the earth and it is 865 thousand miles wide, it is one million and three hundred thousand times larger than the earth, it burns at the surface at 12 thousand degrees and in the center it burns at 40 million degrees. The flames reach from 25 thousand to 500 thousand above the surface. This can only be done by the Almighty hand of God. Now think about it, he simply opened up his mouth and spoke the word and it was created, no one else can do that.

A study on the book of Genesis reveals something of a mystery concerning the creation. We must separate verse 1 from verse 2 because the earth when it was first created did not have any void. But in verse 2 of Genesis chapter one we see a void, the earth was empty and void, but the Holy Spirit was moving upon the face of the water. God recreated the earth because something happen to it which many scholars believe that it had to do with the fall of Satan. It is generally accepted that when God threw out Satan from heaven that he fell into the earth causing it to go into chaos and destroyed God's original creation.

When we read that the land was submerged under the water, we also must understand that in order for the land to be under the water it must of have not been that way originally. When Satan got thrown out of heaven and he hit the earth something happened to the original creation. We also understand that the sun did not shine on the earth, this is why the Lord spoke, let there be light (Gen. 1:3). In the beginning there was a perfect creation there was no chaos or confusion. All was in order and in perfect harmony.

Notice: when Adam gave up his birth right by eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he accepted Satan as his new father and with that he received the nature of his new adopted father. Although God covered Adam's sin he now had to learn from another teacher. His spirit was not in control anymore but his soul was now the master of his body. As I thought about this I remembered how Esau the son of Isaac gave up his birth right simply for a meal that his brother Jacob had prepared.

Gen 25:29-34

29 Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished.

30 He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.)

31 Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

32 "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

33 But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

34 Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

We must be very, very careful not to give up our spiritual birthright that was given to us through the precious atonement of Jesus Christ. There is nothing more precious than the eternal life that is in us through the Holy Spirit. The beloved John said, "do not love the world or the things of this world," (1 John 2:15). The Apostle Paul says in his letter to the Corinthians, "in 2 Cor 6:17 "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," (KJV).

Notice: God tells us to be separated from the world, we have to make that decision because God has given us everything we need to live a productive godly life. Paul tells us in the book of Colossians to put away the old man and put on the new man created to be like the creator. We cannot blame the enemy for our sin because Christ gained the victory through his own blood shed on the cross. We have three powerful weapons and that is the name, the word and the blood.

Before Jesus Christ came there was no real permanent cleansing from sin, this is seen by the awesome statement of John the Baptist in John 1:29, "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (KJV)

Our sins were only covered in the Old Testament, but in the New Testament, which really is the blood of Jesus Christ, we have a permanent removal of sins and a permanent cleansing. After the blood of Jesus cleansed us from our sins we were open candidates for the impartation of the Holy Spirit in our bodies as a permanent dwelling place for the Almighty God. I don't know about you but that excites me. Hallelujah.

This new person created in Christ is a magnificent work from God. When I think about what David said in the Psalm 139, "we were fearfully and wonderfully made", I cannot help but to

think about how we are wonderfully and fearfully recreated by the Holy Spirit. Doctors know the awesome structure of the human body and they can tell us with great detail about the functions of the body, and if we have text books and all kinds of charts and many different kinds of illustrations to teach us about the body, then I wonder what kind of text book does God have concerning the spiritual man. In heaven there are many countless books that we have not even discovered, yet the Holy Spirit searches all the deep things of God and shows us the mysteries of God. If we think we know it all we better think again. In 1 Cor 2:99 "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." (KJV)

When God made Adam he made him of earth, and he put the knowledge of the universe in his mind or better put in his soul, and breathed his Holy Spirit into the spirit of Adam. Adam was in full control of his soul and his body because God who was in his spirit ruled. There was no division in Adam, there was no confusion in Adam, there was no strife in Adam, no, there was no sin in Adam. I am a firm believer that when Adam fell from his position as a son of the living God, his spirit died as far as his relationship with God, and his soul began to take control over his body. Even scientists tell us that man does not use his full potential in his mental faculties. The mind is a powerful thing.

Adam never knew what it was to have lustful thoughts or even have hate in his heart. He never struggled with his soul or his body, he never knew sickness, he never knew what it was to not have fellowship with God. Can you imagine how he felt the first time he was aware of all these sins in his body? It must have shocked him in such a way that he probably clutched his head between his knees and cried bitterly. He also lost his authority over the earth and the animals around him; he had no power over Satan.

We are citizens of another world. Paul tells us in his letter to the Ephesian church that our citizenship is in heaven with Christ (Eph. 2:12). The very fact that God has called us out for himself is evidence enough we are not of this world. When we were dead in our sins, Christ came to die for us and redeemed us making us alive to himself, through his own blood shed on the cross. We live in two worlds, therefore, there are two different laws by which you and I must live by. There are the laws of the government here on earth we must live by, and then there is a law we must live by in heaven, of course the law of heaven is much greater and much more powerful than the governing laws in the earth. The laws that we live by here are to control our flesh. If we were left unto ourselves without anyone telling us what to do, we would destroy one another until there is no one left. But, thanks be to God who has given us men and women with governing laws to keep things in order.

Then there is the law of the Spirit of life, which is by far a wonderful law. When we come under the dominion of God he gives us the heavenly law so that we may live according to his truth. Everyone who does not live in line with God's law will suffer the consequences. I know that there are many Christians that do not obey the governing laws of their state, my question is, if they cannot obey the governing laws of man here on earth, how in the world will they ever obey God's governing laws in heaven? If we are not faithful with the little, such as the law of man, how can we ever expect God to bless us with spiritual understanding of his word and his laws to live by. I think we better get our priorities straight.

There are two different kinds of knowledge. There is the knowledge of the world, and there is the knowledge of God. When God created man he also gave him the ability to think for himself. Although man is a created being, God has given him the freedom to explore and enhance his thinking by what he sees, hears and also by his experiences. We see this demonstrated in the old days of a man Nimrod. This man wanted to build a tower that would reach the heaven not for God's glory, but for his own honor and fame. He had forgotten that it was God who created all the material used for building that tower. However he used the knowledge he had attained by learning about the things that were around him.

God intervened and caused the people to go into great confusion so that they could not understand one another. He did this by changing their language so they could not understand one another. Knowledge is very, very dangerous when it is misdirected. I heard that we now have the knowledge and capability to produce or clone human beings so that we can make people who look exactly alike. This kind of knowledge is tremendous, but it is also very frightening, in a sense, because we are acting like gods trying to create our own race of people as we see fit. Just like God intervened in the days of Nimrod by destroying the communication between the people, God will intervene in these last days, I believe in a similar way.

Then of course there is the knowledge of God. This knowledge as defined in the Scriptures always glorifies and magnifies the Lord. This knowledge helps us to understand how God wants us to build his kingdom here upon the earth. This knowledge will never lead you wrong.